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NOTICE TO ALL MCHENRY COUNTY MEDIA

MEETING NOTICE

(December 19, 2017) In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, this is to inform you that the regular monthly meeting of the McHenry County Conservation District Board of Trustees has been scheduled for Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Brookdale Administrative Offices in Woodstock, Illinois.

The Brookdale Administrative Offices are located in Brookdale Conservation Area at 18410 US Highway 14, Woodstock, Illinois. Please contact the District office for more detailed directions at (815) 338-6223 X1234.



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MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AGENDA
DECEMBER 21, 2017
5:30 P.M.
BROOKDALE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER - President Barrett
- 2.0 ROLL CALL
 - 2.1 Roll Call
- 3.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Exception 2C6 (Lease of Property) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/ 1 et. seq.).
- 4.0 RECONVENE - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:30 P.M.
 - 4.1 Roll Call
- 5.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6.0 CONSERVATION ETHIC

Goal #6: To foster a conservation ethic among McHenry County citizens helping all of us, regardless of the basis for our interest in nature, to develop a greater awareness of our role in, and responsibility for, the total community of life. A conservation ethic asks us to assume a moral duty to become educated about conservation issues and then to act on that information. A conservation ethic is an attitude that recognizes the importance of preserving the natural heritage of the county's open space.

Goal #4: To interpret and to promote the overall significance of natural and cultural resources and to promote public understanding and support of District land management practices.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT I

Public comments will be limited to 3 min. per person. Board members welcome all comments and will take them under advisement.

8.0 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & REPORTS

- 8.1 Trustee Reports on Conferences & Meetings Attended
 - 8.1a Fox River Ecosystem Partnership - Trustee Campbell
 - 8.1b CMAP -Director of Land Preservation & Natural Resources Collins
 - 8.1c Chicago Wilderness -Executive Director Kessler
 - 8.1d Agricultural Conservation Easement and Farmland Protection - Trustee Henning
 - 8.1e McHenry County Farm Bureau - Trustee Henning
 - 8.1f IACFPD/IAPD/NRPA - Trustee Brandt & Executive Director Kessler
 - 8.1g McHenry County Conservation Foundation - Trustee Brandt/Trustee Kranz
 - 8.1h McHenry County Council of Governments - President Barrett/Secretary Scacci
 - 8.1i Green Drinks - Vice President Kranz
 - 8.1j Conservation Congress 2018 - President Barrett/Trustee Brandt
- 8.2 Finance & Administrative Committee
- 8.3 Outreach & Advocacy Committee

9.0 COUNTY BOARD LIAISON REPORT

10.0 BOARD BUSINESS - CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items are approved in one motion as presented on the agenda. The Trustees may remove items from the consent agenda for discussion purposes prior to the motion to approve.

- 10.1 Approval of Minutes
 - 10.1a November 16, 2017 - Joint Committee Meeting
 - 10.1b November 16, 2017
 - 10.1c December 11, 2017
- 10.2 Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2017 as presented.
- 10.3 Motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute the one-year contract extension option with Hagg Press of Elgin, IL, for the printing and mailing of the Landscapes Magazine through Spring 2019 (Bid #1216.10.01).
- 10.4 Motion to adopt Resolution #17-47 authorizing the Executive Director to execute the agriculture lease agreement on 330 +/- acres of the Paulsen Parcel with Gary, Jim and Michele Harp of Harp Farms LLC, the highest responsive bidder for the term of April 1, 2018 thru February 28, 2021 at a lease rate of 44.78% (Bid#1117.08.01).
- 10.5 Motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute the one-year contract extension option with Sikich, LLP of Naperville, Illinois to serve as

- the District's independent auditors and perform audit services for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018 for a cost not to exceed \$20,750.
- 10.6 Second Reading. Motion to pass Ordinance #17-940 amending Personnel Policy: Appendix A: Alcohol & Drug Abuse Policy and Appendix C: Criminal Background Checks Policy.
 - 10.7 Motion to adopt Resolution #17-51 appointing Ray Eisbrener (2018-2021), Dennis Dreher (2017-2020), Martie Gorman (2017-2020), and Kevin Ivers (2018-2021) as Directors to the McHenry County Conservation Foundation.
 - 10.8 Motion to adopt Resolution #17-48 authorizing the execution of a Property Owner Certification of Environmental No Further Remediation document as requested by Illinois Department of Transportation related to the Algonquin Bypass.
 - 10.9 Motion to authorize the promotion of the two remaining Restoration Technicians in the Natural Resource Management Department to Restoration Ecologists beginning January 1, 2018.
 - 10.10 Motion to pass Ordinance #17-941 amending Personnel Policy - Appendix H - Non Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy.
 - 10.11 Motion to appoint delegates and alternates representing the McHenry County Conservation District at the 2018 Conservation Congress for the following groups as proposed: Trustees, Trustees' Emeritus, Stewardship Volunteers, SWEEP Volunteers, Ski Patrol Volunteers, Education Volunteers, McConnell/Powers Walker Volunteers, Century Hikers Club, Hunting Program and Agricultural Lease Program.
 - 10.12 Motion to authorize the submission of a grant application to the US Army Corps of Engineers Section 23 program to develop a new headwater stream Index of Biotic Integrity (IBI) for headwater streams in partnership with Openlands and the USACE.
 - 10.13 Motion to adopt Resolution #17-49, authorizing the Executive Director to execute a license agreement with the Cary Park District for the purposes of operating a day camp program at the Fel-Pro RRR Conservation Area during the summers of 2018, 2019, and 2020.
 - 10.14 Motion to adopt Resolution #17-50 authorizing the Executive Director to execute the First Amendment of the 2014 License Agreement with McHenry County for the use of two (2) additional buildings at the Brookdale Conservation Area for equipment storage by the McHenry County Division of Transportation.
- 11.0 OTHER BOARD BUSINESS
 - 11.1 Approval of Bills Payable for the Month of November 2017
 - 11.2 Discussion on the Hollows Conservation Area - Alternative Agriculture Concept
 - 11.3 Recognition of Extraordinary Contributions of Individuals- Proposal to Establish a Conservation Awards Program
- 12.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - 13.0 TRUSTEES' REPORT
 - 14.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 - 14.1 PDRMA Loss Control Review - 99.26%

15.0 PUBLIC COMMENT II

16.0 ADJOURN

(Motion to adjourn or a motion to fix the time to which the Board shall adjourn to Thursday, January 4, 2018 6:00 p.m., Brookdale Administrative Office if needed).

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