

**McHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2018  
SPECIAL CALL**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Call Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the McHenry County Conservation District was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by President Barrett on the morning of Saturday, February 10, 2018, at the McHenry County College, Luecht Conference Center, 8900 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014.

**2.0 ROLL CALL**

**2.1 Roll Call**

Trustees Present: Steve Barrett, President  
Dave Kranz, Vice President  
Pete Merkel, Treasurer  
Vern Scacci, Secretary  
Dave Brandt, Trustee  
John Henning, Trustee

Trustee Absent: Carolyn Campbell, Trustee

Staff Present: Elizabeth S. Kessler, Executive Director  
John Kremer, Director of Operations & Public Safety  
Andy Dylak, Director of Administration & Finance  
Ed Collins, Director of Land Preservation & Natural Resources  
Wendy Kummerer, Marketing & Communications Manager  
Anne Basten, Executive Assistant  
John Berg, Facilities Manager  
Deb Chapman, Educational Services Manager  
Jeff Diedrick, Chief of Police  
Jenny Heider, Human Resource Manager  
Val Siler, Land Preservation Manager  
Brad Woodson, Natural Resource Manager  
Perry Weborg, Sites & Fleet Manager  
Paul Bruett, Restoration Technician  
Matt Eyles, Restoration Ecologist  
Beth Gunderson, Wildlife Resource Center Assistant  
Cindi Jablonski, Wildlife Ecologist  
Kim Compton, Educational Program Coordinator  
Mary Jo Lucas-Healy, Information Desk Specialist  
Stephanie Michael, IT Specialist/Administrative Assistant  
Lora Petrak, Communications Specialist  
Gabe Powers, Natural Resources Project Coordinator  
Laurie Ryan, Plant Ecologist  
Cindy Rendl, GIS Coordinator  
Tom Simpson, Research Field Ecologist  
Ryan Stewart, Police Sergeant  
Linda Bryant, Accounts Payable  
Sandra Rogers, Natural Resource Administrative Assistant

Laura Roncol, Habitat Technician  
Lynne Schiele, Archive Seasonal  
Chad Secor, Region 3 Ranger

Others Present: Robert Nowak, County Board Liaison  
Martha Carver, Trustee Emeritus  
Nancy Williamson, Trustee Emeritus  
Jim Albright, Trustee Emeritus  
Kevin Ivers, Trustee Emeritus/McHenry County Conservation  
Foundation Vice President  
Dennis Dreher, McHenry County Conservation Foundation Director  
Delegates to the Conservation Congress 2018

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Barrett.

**4.0 CONSERVATION ETHIC**

Trustee Emeritus Howenstine read Goal #6, the conservation ethic, aloud via a previously recorded video.

**6.0 CONSERVATION CONGRESS**

More than 100 attendees representing a diverse array of groups and individuals serving as Delegates listened to guest speakers on various topics and participated in smaller breakout groups discussing questions related to conservation and land use issues in McHenry County.

**7.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

At 4:10 p.m., President Barrett asked for any public comments.

Will Overbeck of Island Lake encouraged the District to continue to improve communications with municipal officials, Non-Governmental organizations, Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the citizens of McHenry County to build a strong network to leverage existing assets to increase staff and train more stewardship volunteers and to prioritize the protection of natural resources.

Dr. Beverly Dow of McHenry County College encouraged all present to attend the upcoming Bioneers speaker series presentations.

**8.0 ADJOURN**

At 4:20 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Brandt, seconded by Secretary Scacci, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. February 10, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,



Vern Scacci, Secretary



Date