

**McHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL CALL MEETING  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2020**

**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 4:07 p.m. by President Henning on the evening of Thursday, August 20, 2020, via Video Conference by ZOOM Communications Platform under Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation - Executive Order 2020-07 in response to COVID-19 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5), as amended by 2020-33- COVID 19 Executive Order No. 31) and as reissued and extended by Executive Order 2020-39 - Executive Order in Response to COVID-19 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 37) Suspending the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2 &120/7) which limits remote participation of the public body and requiring a quorum be physically present in a public space. The meeting was available for public access through the same logon and meeting code as the Trustees. Trustees were present at Brookdale Administrative Offices and were connected to the ZOOM Communications Platform through individual devices for video and a shared phone line for audio.

President Henning stated that he had determined that it was not practical or prudent to hold the public meeting of the Board of Trustees in person with members of the public due to the current pandemic (PA 101-0640).

The meeting was recorded and was posted to [www.MCCDistrict.org](http://www.MCCDistrict.org) the following morning.

**2.0 INTRODUCTORY ROLL CALL**

**2.1 Roll Call**

Trustees Present: John Henning, President  
Dave Brandt, Vice President (Remote)  
Bill Cook, Treasurer  
Carolyn Campbell, Secretary  
Patrick Fritz, Trustee  
Linda Thomas, Trustee

Trustee Absent: Vacant Position

Counsel & Staff Present: Andrew S. Paine, Counsel (Remote)  
Elizabeth S. Kessler, Executive Director  
Jenny Heider, Human Resource Manager  
Amy Peters, Planning Manager (Remote)  
Anne Basten, Executive Assistant

Others Present: Victoria McGrath, McGrath Consulting

**2.2 Remote Participation**

A motion was made by Secretary Campbell, seconded by Treasurer Cook, to allow Vice President Brandt of the Board of Trustees to attend remotely through electronic participation as per Administrative Policy #2.04.02. The basis for missing

the meeting is due to a family emergency and per the State of Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation - Executive Order 2020-07 and PA 101-0640 suspending requirements that members of the public body must be physically present. A roll call vote gave the following results: Fritz-yes, Cook-yes, Thomas-yes, Campbell-yes, Henning-yes.

Motion passed unanimously.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made.

4.0 RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Victoria McGrath of McGrath Consulting and Jenny Heider, Human Resource Manager were introduced as present.

5.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:10 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Fritz, seconded by Trustee Thomas, to go into Executive Session pursuant to 2C1 (Personnel) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote gave the following results: Campbell-yes, Cook-yes, Fritz-yes, Brandt-yes, Thomas-yes, Henning-yes.

Motion passed unanimously.

6.0 RECONVENE

The meeting was reconvened to order at 5:17 p.m. by President Henning on the evening of Thursday, August 20, 2020 via Video Conference by ZOOM.

6.1 Roll Call

Trustees Present: John Henning, President  
Dave Brandt, Vice President (remote)  
Bill Cook, Treasurer  
Carolyn Campbell, Secretary  
Patrick Fritz, Trustee  
Linda Thomas, Trustee

Trustee Absent: Vacant Position

Counsel & Staff Present: Andrew S. Paine, Counsel (remote)  
Elizabeth S. Kessler, Executive Director  
Jenny Heider, Human Resource Manager  
Anne Basten, Executive Assistant

Others Present: Other members of the staff and public

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Fritz, seconded by Treasurer Cook, to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote gave the following results: Fritz-yes, Cook-yes, Brandt-yes, Thomas-yes, Campbell-yes, Henning-yes.

Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m., August 20, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Campbell  
Carolyn Campbell, Secretary

9-22-2020  
Date

