

**MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 2022**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the McHenry County Conservation District was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Cook on the evening of Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at the Brookdale Administrative Offices and via video conference software by ZOOM.

The meeting was available for public access through the same log-on and meeting code as the Trustees. All Trustees were present in person at the Brookdale Administrative Offices and were connected to ZOOM through individual devices for video and a shared connection via conference phone for audio.

The meeting was recorded and posted on YouTube with an accessible link at www.MCCDistrict.org.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 INTRODUCTORY ROLL CALL

3.1 Roll Call

Trustees Present: Bill Cook, President
Chris Dahm, Vice President
Pat Fritz, Treasurer
Linda Thomas, Secretary
Reynaldo Gaytan, Jr., Trustee
Shawn Zimmerman, Trustee
Llyod Everard, Trustee

Counsel & Staff Present: Elizabeth S. Kessler, Executive Director
Andy Dylak, Director of Administration & Finance (Remote)
Ed Collins, Director of Land Preservation & Natural Resources
Wendy Kummerer, Director of Marketing & Education (Remote)
Kristi LaMontagna, Executive Administrative Assistant
Laura King, Police Chief (Remote)
Amy Peters, Planning & Development Manager (Remote)
Val Siler, Land Administration & Preservation Manager (Remote)
Stephanie Michael, IT Systems Administrator (Remote)
Jean Gerstbrein, Accounting Manager (Remote)

Public Present: There were no public present in-person or remotely.

4.0 CONSERVATION ETHIC

President Cook asked Secretary Thomas to read aloud Conservation Ethic Goal #6 and then asked Vice President Dahm to read aloud Conservation Ethic Goal #4.

5.0 CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

President Cook asked Treasurer Fritz to read aloud Conservation Stewardship Pledge #5.

6.0 ADOPT THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Trustee Everard, seconded by Trustee Gaytan, to adopt the agenda as presented. A roll call vote gave the following results: Thomas-yes, Zimmerman-yes, Gaytan-yes, Dahm-yes, Everard-yes, Fritz-yes, and Cook-yes.

Motion passed unanimously.

7.0 INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

There were no introductions, presentations, or recognitions for this month.

8.0 TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Everard updated the Board on his Green Drinks and McHenry County Conservation Foundation meetings and let them know that the focus of the Green Drinks meeting was on diesel engines and how there is a need to get away from having diesel engine vehicles and the group is very strong on advancing legislation toward getting rid of diesel engine vehicles.

Trustee Everard mentioned that many items were talked about during the Foundation meeting, going over policies and one of the items they discussed on whether to accept donations via cryptocurrency.

Trustee Everard also mentioned that the Foundation, during their Oaktober Celebration, planted 730 oak trees and they also reviewed and accepted the District's project lists.

Executive Director Kessler mentioned that the Tuesday after Thanksgiving is Giving-Tuesday and the Foundation received a challenge gift, a stewardship pledge that they would receive a dollar for dollar match if they could raise \$10,000.00 on giving Tuesday.

Trustee Everard mentioned that the Foundation also proposed a new logo that is consistent with the District's logo.

9.0 COUNTY BOARD LIAISON REPORT

There was nothing to report.

10.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cook thanked everyone for participating in the various sub-committees and shared there would be further discussion about succession planning for the Land Preservation and Natural Resources Division with the upcoming departure of Natural Resource Manager Brad Woodson. President Cook inquired if it would be helpful for Trustees to sit in with the planning discussions.

Executive Director Kessler mentioned that there is always an opportunity to dialogue with the team and that the specific proposal will come forward to the Board of Trustees next month.

11.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS I

No public questions or comments, there were no public present in-person or remotely. Trustee Everard asked if anyone ever got back to the snowmobile club.

President Cook mentioned that he believed that the District was waiting for something in the spring.

Director of Land Preservation & Natural Resources Collins mentioned that both Operations, Planning and Public Safety and Land Preservation and Natural Resources are working on it.

Executive Director Kessler mentioned that this has been assigned to Director of Operations, Planning & Public Safety Kremer and he is working with the Natural Resources Department with a presentation to be in the spring before the Hunting Directive is adopted.

President Cook mentioned the demolition that was to begin at Glacial Park on the football building and a professional evaluation of the Klimas building on Harts Road to see if it was useable and asked if those things are underway.

Planning & Development Manager Peters mentioned that both of those are in progress and that they will take a bit of time to complete.

12.0 BOARD BUSINESS - CONSENT AGENDA

- 12.1 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - 12.1a September 12, 2022 - Committee of the Whole - Executive Session
 - 12.1b October 20, 2022 - Committee of the Whole
 - 12.1c October 25, 2022 - Regular Meeting
- 12.2 Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report
 - 12.2a Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for October 31, 2022, as presented.
- 12.3 Resolution #22-91, a Resolution adopting the 2023 Meeting Schedule for the McHenry County Board of Trustees.
- 12.4 Resolution #22-92, a Resolution authorizing the Executive Director execute an agreement with T-Mobile to provide the Dialpad VOIP solution to replace the District's POTS phone system.
- 12.5 Resolution #22-93, a Resolution appointing Trustee Shawn Zimmerman as the District's official Delegate, Trustee Reynaldo Gaytan, Jr. as First Alternate, Trustee Lloyd Everard as Second Alternate, and Executive Director Elizabeth S. Kessler as Third Alternate for the IAPD Annual Business Meeting on January 28, 2023.
- 12.6 Resolution #22-94, a Resolution approving the appointment of Dennis Dreher (January 2023 to January 2024), Pamela J. Althoff (January 2023 to January 2026) and Martie Gorman (January 2023 to January 2026) as Directors to the McHenry County Conservation Foundation.
- 12.7 Rescind Resolution #22-87, a Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute the listed agricultural leases with terms beginning March 1, 2023 on fourteen (14) parcels containing approximately 898 +/- acres: Alden Sedge Meadow (ASM-11613 - 210 +/- acres) to Tim Nichols at 0.33%; Alden Sedge Meadow (ASM-10845 - 74 +/- acres) to Tim Nichols at 0.33%; Alden Sedge Meadow (ASM-11138 - 50 +/- acres) to Jim Nichols at 0.35%; Alden Sedge Meadow (ASM-11613 - 165.5 +/- acres) to Craig Spiniolas at 0.50%; Barber Fen (BAR-2240 - 28.75 +/- acres) to Grant DeYoung at 0.34%; Barber Fen (BAR-2437 - 11.81 +/- acres) to Grant DeYoung at 0.34%; Winding Creek/Bailey Woods (BAW-11045 - 16 +/- acres) to Rick Schoenbeck at 0.30%; Brookdale (BRD-10244 - 117.39 +/- acres) to Robert Haraden at 0.30%; Brookdale (BRD-1096 - 83.31 +/- acres) to Robert Haraden at 0.31%; Brookdale (BRD-11475 - 38.40 +/- acres) to Robert Haraden at 0.26%; Glacial Park (GLP-1641 - 9 +/- acres) to Travis Holian at 0.45%; Kloempken Prairie (KLP-9273 - 52.6 +/- acres) to Jim and Rita Hennig at 0.25%; Lind Woods (LIW-887 - 30 +/- acres) to Grant DeYoung at 0.34%; Marengo Ridge (MAR-10126 - 12 +/- acres) to George and Vickie Freise at 0.25%.
- 12.8 Resolution #22-95, a Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute the listed agricultural leases with terms beginning March 1, 2023 on fourteen

(14) parcels containing approximately 898 +/- acres: Alden Sedge Meadow (ASM-11613 - 210 +/- acres) to Tim Nichols at 33%; Alden Sedge Meadow (ASM-10845 - 74 +/- acres) to Tim Nichols at 33%; Alden Sedge Meadow (ASM-11138 - 50 +/- acres) to Jim Nichols at 35%; Alden Sedge Meadow (ASM-11613 - 165.5 +/- acres) to Craig Spiniolas at 50%; Barber Fen (BAR-2240 - 28.75 +/- acres) to Grant DeYoung at 34%; Barber Fen (BAR-2437 - 11.81 +/- acres) to Grant DeYoung at 34%; Winding Creek/Bailey Woods (BAW-11045 - 16 +/- acres) to Rick Schoenbeck at 30%; Brookdale (BRD-10244 - 117.39 +/- acres) to Robert Haraden at 30%; Brookdale (BRD-1096 - 83.31 +/- acres) to Robert Haraden at 31%; Brookdale (BRD-11475 - 38.40 +/- acres) to Robert Haraden at 26%; Glacial Park (GLP-1641 - 9 +/- acres) to Travis Holian at 45%; Kloempken Prairie (KLP-9273 - 52.6 +/- acres) to Jim and Rita Hennig at 25%; Lind Woods (LIW-887 - 30 +/- acres) to Grant DeYoung at 34%; Marengo Ridge (MAR-10126 - 12 +/- acres) to George and Vickie Freise at 25%.

- 12.9 Resolution #22-96, a Resolution to submit two separate checks to IDOT for Final Invoice No.125021 for Phase IV of the Project in the amount of \$11,174.71 and Final Invoice No. 125014 for Phase II of the Project in the amount of \$85,794.22.
- 12.10 Ordinance #22-1021, an Ordinance authorizing the Transfer of Funds between Budget Line Items 02-09-965 and 02-09-966 within the Dedicated Accounts Capital Fund in the amount of \$96,968.93 for FY 2023.
- 12.11 Resolution #22-97, a Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Grant Agreement with the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation as described therein for an amount of \$234,000 for the Dutch Creek Headwaters Wetlands and Remnant Oaks Addition to Pioneer Fen Conservation Area.

A motion was made by Secretary Thomas, seconded by Trustee Zimmerman, to approve Board Business-Consent Agenda Items 12.1 through 12.11 as presented after being read aloud by Secretary Thomas. A roll call vote gave the following results: Gaytan-yes, Thomas-yes, Zimmerman-yes, Everard-yes, Dahm-yes, Fritz-yes, and Cook-yes.

Motion passed unanimously.

13.0 OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

- 13.1 Approval of Bills Payable for the Month of October 2022
 - 13.1a Treasurer's Internal Audit
 - 13.1b Consideration to approve the payment of bills as indicated on the Submission of Bills Pending Report for the month ending October 31, 2022.

A motion was made by Treasurer Fritz, seconded by Trustee Zimmerman, to approve the payment of the balance of bills as indicated on the Submission of Bills Pending Report for the month ending October 31, 2022. A roll call vote gave the following results: Dahm-yes, Everard-yes, Thomas-yes, Zimmerman-yes, Fritz-yes, Gaytan-yes, and Cook-yes.

Motion passed unanimously.

- 13.2 School Springs Wetland Mitigation Bank Sales - Consideration of a Sale of 3.33 Acres of Wetland Credits and 300 Linear Feet of Stream Credits to McHenry County Division of Transportation.

A motion was made by Trustee Gaytan, seconded by Trustee Everard, to adopt Resolution #22-98, a Resolution approving the sale of 3.33 acres of wetland credits and 300 linear feet of stream credits to the McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) at a discounted rate of \$80,000 per acre for wetland credits and the Board approved rate of \$600 per linear foot for stream credits and authorizing the Executive Director to execute any and all necessary documents for the sale. A roll call vote gave the following results: Fritz-yes, Everard-yes, Dahm-yes, Thomas-yes, Zimmerman-yes, Gaytan-yes, and Cook-yes.

Motion passed unanimously.

13.3 Resolution Supporting the City of McHenry's Request for a Twelve-Year Extension to their Tax Increment Financing District.

A motion was made by Trustee Zimmerman, seconded by Vice-President Dahm, to adopt Resolution #22-99, a Resolution supporting the City of McHenry's request for a twelve (12) year extension to their Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District to revitalize their downtown and riverfront area in accordance with the vision and goals of the Redevelopment Plan. A roll call vote gave the following results: Everard-yes, Dahm-yes, Zimmerman-yes, Fritz-yes, Gaytan-yes, Thomas-yes, and Cook-yes.

Motion passed unanimously.

14.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Kessler mentioned that she expects there will be many items to come forward to the Board of Trustees next month.

Executive Director Kessler let the Board know that the McHenry County Council of Governments will be having their annual holiday dinner on December 7th at Galati's Hideaway in Cary with Mayor Mark Kownick.

Executive Director Kessler mentioned that McHenry County has been working on their 2050 plan and will host both in-person and virtual community vision workshop.

Executive Director Kessler mentioned that next month the Board will need to consider a Resolution adopting the Ordinance passed by the City of Crystal Lake to secure a waterline easement from the District.

15.0 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & REPORTS

15.1 Trustee Reports on Conferences & Meetings Attended

There were no Trustees reports given.

Vice President Dahm thanked President Cook for doing a great job with the Board.

16.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS II

No question or comments, there were no public present in-person or remotely.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Fritz, seconded by Secretary Thomas, to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote gave the following results: Zimmerman-yes, Thomas-yes, Everard-yes, Dahm-yes, Fritz-yes, Gaytan-yes, and Cook-yes.

Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Thomas

Linda Thomas, Secretary

12-20-2022

Date