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NOTICE TO ALL MCHENRY COUNTY MEDIA
MEETING NOTICE

(May 17, 2022) 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 Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be available to the public in-person and via live online conferencing. The information for remotely accessing the meeting is on the agenda at www.MCCDistrict.org in the Transparency Portal.

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MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 24, 2022
5:00 P.M.

BROOKDALE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES and ZOOM COMMUNICATIONS PLATFORM

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA WILL BE POSTED TO THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE AT MCCDistrict.org

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VIDEO CONFERENCE

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER - President Henning

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 INTRODUCTORY ROLL CALL

3.1 Roll Call

4.0 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.

5.0 CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

We pledge to make a difference by standing up for our water, wildlife and way of life in McHenry County. Our quality of life in McHenry County depends on healthy and sustainable natural resources, thoughtfully developed cities and towns, a strong economy, and beautiful outdoor places to explore, discover and recreate.

NO. 12: We will empower you to conserve our water, wildlife and way of life here in McHenry County by actively seeking your input and support.

6.0 ADOPT THE AGENDA

7.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITION PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

7.1 Recognition of New Employees - Division of Operations, Planning & Public Safety

7.1a Ken Boruki, Building Maintenance Worker

7.1b Tim Zimmerman, Building Maintenance Worker

7.2 2021 Natural Heritage Report

8.0 TRUSTEES REPORT

9.0 COUNTY BOARD LIAISON REPORT

10.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

11.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS I

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

12.0 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.

12.1 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

12.1a April 6, 2022 - Special Call - Conservation Congress

12.1b April 21, 2022 - Committee of the Whole

12.1c April 26, 2022 - Regular Monthly

12.2 Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report

12.2a Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for April 30, 2022, as presented.

12.2b Acceptance of the General Fund Budget Variance Report for FY 2022, QTR 4, as presented.

12.3 Resolution #22-29, a Resolution awarding a contract to the lowest qualified bidder, West Side Tractor of Wauconda, IL for the purchase of one (1) new replacement John Deere Side Loader with the "Severe Duty Package" for habitat restoration work throughout the County for a total cost not to exceed \$99,400 (BID #0222.08.03).

- 12.4 Resolutions #22-30, a Resolution authorizing conference and related travel expenditures for IT Systems Administrator Stephanie Michael to attend the GMIS Annual Conference at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.
 - 12.5 Resolution #22-31, a Resolution authorizing the District to participate in and provide an in-kind match for the McHenry County Conservation Foundation's grant submittal to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's 2022 Monarch Butterfly and Pollinators Conservation Fund and authorizing the Executive Director to execute any necessary documents.
 - 12.6 Resolution #22-32, a Resolution authorizing the payment to the McHenry County Collector and McHenry County Treasurer for the 2021 First Installment of Property Taxes in an amount not to exceed \$84,555.25.
 - 12.7 Resolution #22-33, a Resolution ratifying the Executive Director's execution of a license agreement with Commonwealth Edison Company for use of 6707 South US Route 31 in Richmond, Illinois for a laydown yard from March 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for a license fee of \$5,000.
 - 12.8 Resolution #22-34, a Resolution ratifying the Executive Director's execution of a license agreement with Commonwealth Edison Company for temporary access and construction of the proposed Distribution and Fiber Conduit Installation Project at Glacial Park Conservation Area in Richmond, Illinois and an assessment of an Oak Woodland Function Impact Fee of \$10,000.
 - 12.9 Resolution #22-35, a Resolution accepting the 2021 Natural Heritage Stewardship Report.
 - 12.10 Ordinance #22-1017, an Ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$7,400 from the FY 2023 GL budget line item #01-04-790, 'Unanticipated Expenditures' to GL budget line item #01-08-848 'Restoration & Management Equipment' for the purchase of the John Deere Side Loader with "Severe Duty Package."
 - 12.11 Resolution #22-38, a Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Joint Grassland Venture Lease with Brad Spiniolas at \$25/acre on Alden Sedge Meadow (ASM-03: 10+/- acres) for the term of June 1, 2022 to February 25, 2025.
 - 12.12 Resolution #22-39, a Resolution ratifying the Executive Director's execution of a license agreement with L.L. Bean, Inc. of Freeport, Maine to conduct Stand-Up Paddle Board Lessons at Lake Atwood/Hollows Conservation Area for a term of May 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022 for a license fee of 15% gross revenue collected.
- 13.0 OTHER BOARD BUSINESS
- 13.1 Approval of Bills Payable for the Month of April 2022
 - 13.1a Treasurer's Internal Audit
 - 13.1b Consideration to Approve the payment to Conserve FS as indicated on the Submission of Bills Pending Report for the period ending April 30, 2022.
 - 13.1c Consideration to Approve the payment of the balance of bills as indicated on the Submission of Bills Pending Report for the month ending April 30, 2022.
 - 13.2 Intergovernmental Personal Benefit Cooperative - 18 Month Renewal & Employee Cost Sharing for FY 2023

13.3 Temporary License Agreement - Environmental Defenders of McHenry County for Kishwaukee River Corridor Clearing and Maintenance
Consideration of a motion to adopt Resolution #22-36, a Resolution authorizing the Executive Director with review and consent by the District's legal counsel to execute the Temporary License Agreement with the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County for Kishwaukee River Corridor Clearing and Maintenance.

14.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

15.0 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & REPORTS

- 15.1 Trustee Reports on Conferences & Meetings Attended
 - 15.1a Fox River Ecosystem Partnership (FREP)
 - 15.1b Kishwaukee River Ecosystem Partnership (KREP) - Trustee Gaytan
 - 15.1c Chicago Wilderness - Executive Director Kessler
 - 15.1d McHenry County Farm Bureau - Treasurer Fritz
 - 15.1e IACFPD/IAPD/NRPA - Executive Director Kessler
 - 15.1f McHenry County Conservation Foundation - Secretary Thomas
 - 15.1g McHenry County Council of Governments - Executive Director Kessler
 - 15.1h McHenry County Green Drinks
 - 15.1i Active Communities Working Group & McHenry County Council of Mayors - Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan - Director of Operations & Public Safety Kremer
 - 15.1j Naturally McHenry County - Executive Director Kessler
 - 15.1k Other Outreach Contacts

16.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS II

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17.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 2C1 (Personnel), 2C5 (Lease/Purchase of Real Estate) and 2C21 (Review of Closed Session Minutes) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 et. seq.).

18.0 RECONVENE - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 18.1 Roll Call

19.0 ACTION ON ITEMS OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 19.1 Executive Director Employment Agreement
Consideration of a motion adopting Resolution #22-37, a Resolution approving an Employment Agreement with Elizabeth S. Kessler for the term of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025.

20.0 ADJOURNMENT

(Motion to adjourn or a motion to fix the time to which the Board shall adjourn to Thursday, June 2, 2022 5:00 p.m., Brookdale Administrative Office if needed).

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