

**MCHEMRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION #19-08**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF  
DEDICATION OF THE ALDEN SEDGE MEADOW NATURE PRESERVE WITHIN THE  
ALDEN SEDGE MEADOW CONSERVATION AREA**

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the McHenry County Conservation District (hereinafter referred to as the "District") a conservation district "may, and their principal purpose is to, acquire in fee or a lesser right or interest, preserve and maintain wildland, other open land, scenic roadways and pathways; hold such real property with or without public access, for the education, pleasure and recreation of the public or for other open space values; preserve portions thereof in their natural condition and undertake development of other portions thereof; manage and use such real property in such manner and with such restrictions as will leave it unimpaired for the benefit of future generations; and otherwise promote the conservation of nature, flora and fauna, natural environment and natural resources of the district" [70 ILCS 410/3]; and

WHEREAS, the District "shall consider the preservation of natural conditions and protection of flora and fauna as part of its principal purpose and to that end shall set aside a substantial portion of its land to remain in an essentially undisturbed condition" [70 ILCS 410/11]; and

WHEREAS, the District is "empowered to dedicate areas as nature preserves as provided in the "Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act", as now or hereafter amended, and to cooperate with the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission in matters relating to the purposes of that Act" [70 ILCS 410/11]; and

WHEREAS, the District has been a leader in preserving and promoting conservation of natural resources in McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that a portion of the Alden Sedge Meadow Conservation Area has been identified as beneficial to McHenry County Natural Areas (McNAI) site (ALD02); and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that in the best interest of the citizens of McHenry County that the areas be protected to the full extent available under the statutes of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees did adopt Resolution #18-15 on May 17, 2018 authorizing a request for preliminary approval for the dedication of this and several other sites as Illinois State Nature Preserves; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission did grant preliminary approval for dedication of this site as an Illinois State Nature Preserve on January 29, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the McHenry County Conservation District to direct staff to work with the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission to seek final approval to dedicate the Alden Sedge Meadow Nature Preserve located in the Alden Sedge Meadow Conservation Area as an Illinois Nature Preserve.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the McHenry County Conservation District to authorize the staff of the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission to submit a final proposal for the dedication of the Alden Sedge Meadow Nature Preserve before the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission for consideration for their May 14, 2019 meeting.

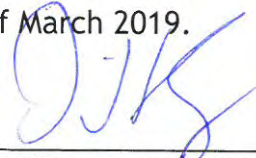
PASSED AND APPROVED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Abstain: 0



DAVE KRANZ, PRESIDENT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



DAVE BRANDT, SECRETARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES