

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE MACON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

April 24, 2013

PURSUANT to written notice given all members of the Board, the above meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Elliott, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: President Elliott, 1st Vice-President Horn, Secretary Leonard, Treasurer Stahl and 2nd Vice-President Parish.

Board members absent: None.

Trustee Leonard MOVED to approve the Minutes of the March 20th Regular Public Meeting. Trustee Horn SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Parish MOVED to approve the Treasurer's Report and Monthly Disbursements in the amount of \$164,053.17 and additions to disbursements in the amount of \$8,432.33. Trustee Horn SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Stahl "AYE"; Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Elliott, "AYE"; Trustee Horn, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE". Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:

President Elliott called for comments from the audience. No comments.

PRIOR BUSINESS:

1. Other

Trustee Elliott asked the status of the ADA Compliance and Director Merner informed the Board that she was working on that and would report back to them.

No other business was noted.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Deer Herd Management Program Recommendations:

Rich Crowe reviewed the Deer Herd Management Program and recommended that the District continue its Archery Deer Hunting Program for the 2013 season with the only change in the program being the start and ending dates. Staff recommends beginning the program October 25th and ending December 20, 2013. Typically the program starts first Saturday in November and ended before Christmas Holiday. Trustee Parish is interested in knowing the number of deer killed by vehicles within two miles of the Conservation areas verses those killed in other areas of the county.

Trustee Parish MOVED to approve the continuation of the Archery Deer Hunting Program for the 2013 season as presented. Trustee Horn SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

2. Approve the 2013-2014 Meeting Schedule

Trustee Stahl MOVED to approve the following meeting schedule:

MEETING DATES
MAY 2013 – APRIL 2014

All meetings will be held the third Wednesday of the month at the Rock Springs Nature Center at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified or notified.

2013

May 15, Wednesday
June 19, Wednesday
July 17, Wednesday
August 21, Wednesday
September 18, Wednesday
October 16, Wednesday
November 20, Wednesday
December 18, Wednesday

2014

January 15, Wednesday
February 19, Wednesday
March 19, Wednesday
April 23, Wednesday*

*(fourth Wednesday to accommodate the 30 day budget review period)

Trustee Leonard SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

3. Approve Depository Designation and Signatories

Trustee Leonard MOVED to approve the following list of depositories:

DEPOSITORIES FOR FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 2013 – MARCH 31, 2014

Hickory Point Bank
Gerber State Bank
Regions Financial Company
PNC Bank
Busey Bank
State Bank of Niantic
Soy Capital Bank
The Illinois Funds
Town & Country Bank
First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust

Prairie State Bank & Trust
Buena Vista National Bank
Scott State Bank
Peoples Bank of Macon
State Bank of Blue Mound
State Bank of Cerro Gordo

Trustee Horn SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

4. Approve Signatories

Director Merner presented the resolution for the 2013-2014 signatories as follows:

SIGNATORIES RESOLUTION
Fiscal Year April 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Macon County Conservation District that Kathleen Merner, Executive Director; Darrell Parish, Board 2nd Vice-President; David Horn, Board 1st Vice-President, Ed Leonard, Board Secretary; and Mark Stahl, Board Treasurer, be authorized to endorse all checks for the Macon County Conservation District for all the District funds at all applicable banks, effective April 25, 2013.

Trustee Parish MOVED to accept the signatories' resolution as presented. Trustee Stahl SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

5. Adopt Budget and Appropriation Ordinance:

The Board received a copy of the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. Director Merner informed the Board that the Budget to be adopted is the same as the tentative budget presented on March 20, 2013. Staff recommendation is to adopt the Ordinance as presented.

Trustee Stahl MOVED to adopt the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for fiscal year April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014, as presented. Trustee Leonard SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Stahl, "AYE"; Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Elliott, "AYE"; Trustee Horn, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE". Motion carried.

6. Award Bid: Dump Truck

This dump truck is used as our main plow truck. Staff found a truck available on the State bid that matched our specifications. Bob Ridings was handling the bid. Staff recommends purchasing the dump truck from Bob Ridings Fleet Sales in the amount of \$34,810.00. Staff pointed out that this particular dump truck has sides that fold down. The base price of the dump truck is \$23,290.00 but the plow adds additional costs to the truck.

Trustee Stahl MOVED to award the dump truck bid to Bob Ridings Fleet Sales for \$34,810.00. Trustee Leonard SECONDED the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Stahl, "AYE"; Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Elliott, "AYE"; Trustee Horn, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE". Motion carried.

7. Award Bid – Pickup Truck:

Invitations to bid for the purchase of a mid-size pickup truck were sent to dealers in Central and East Central Illinois with three dealers submitting acceptable bids on time: K.C. Summers Nissan, Crown Toyota, and Green Toyota. Staff reminded the Board that the District had pursued purchasing a small-sized pickup truck last year but there were no small pickup truck models available, thus the reason for pursuing the purchase of a mid-size pickup truck this year. The lowest bid received was from K.C. Summers for a Nissan Frontier pickup for a net price of \$23,066.00. Staff recommends awarding this bid to K.C. Summers for the net price of \$23,066.00. Board members questioned staff as to what they would do for maintenance on the truck. Staff assured the Board that Crown Toyota also sells and services Nissans.

Trustee Leonard MOVED to award the bid to purchase the mid-size pickup truck to K.C. Summers Nissan for a net price of \$23,066. Trustee Parish SECONDED the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Stahl, "AYE"; Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Elliott, "AYE"; Trustee Horn, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE". Motion carried.

8. Disposal of Corn Binder:

Staff explained that this corn binder came into the Conservation District's possession at the time of a purchase of real estate in 1979 and has been housed in a barn located on the east side of the Rock Springs Conservation Area. Staff was not able to locate any paperwork for accession of the equipment, but believe it came with the barn. Staff did some research into the value of the corn binder and determined a corn binder could have a value that ranged from \$140.00 - \$1800.00, depending on whether it was refurbished or not. The family from whom the land was purchased would like the corn binder returned to the family since it was never used by the District. With the barn in a state of deterioration, staff recommends granting the family their request to return the binder to them.

Trustee Parish MOVED to return the corn binder back to the family from whom the land was purchased. Trustee Stahl SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

9. Departmental Reports:

President Elliott asked if the staff had any information they would like to highlight from their reports presented to the Board. Director Merner briefly discussed the bicycle repair station donated by the Bicycle Club and how great an idea for bicyclists to use it particularly when the Center was not open. These cost approximately \$1000.00. Staff will install station on a concrete pad and will be bolted down. Paul Marien informed the Board that the campgrounds were to open this weekend (April 26th) and Jeff Tish reported that the Spring Festival was a success.

COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Leonard MOVED to go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06; the selection of a person to fill a public office, and the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.

Trustee Stahl SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Leonard MOVED to return to the Regular Public Meeting at 8:25 p.m. Trustee Horn SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Leonard MOVED to approve the Executive Session Minutes of April 24, 2013. Trustee Horn SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Trustee Horn reported for the Nominating Committee that after an extensive process, the Nominating Committee was pleased to recommend Lucy Murphy as the new trustee nomination.

Trustee Horn MOVED to submit Lucy Murphy's name to the County Board as nominee to serve on the District's Board. Trustee Leonard SECONDED the motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

There being no further business, Trustee Stahl MOVED to adjourn the Regular Public Meeting at 8:35 p.m. Trustee Leonard SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

President

ATTEST:

Secretary