

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

February 15, 2012

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

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

Board members absent: President Washburn

Trustee Horn MOVED to approve the Minutes of the January 18, 2012, Regular Public Meeting as presented. Trustee Stahl SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

Questions were raised concerning the Newell Auto Body expense as well as the payment to the Internal Revenue Service. Paul Marien explained the need for the repair due to minor incidences. Director Merner explained the penalty payment to the Internal Revenue Service due to glitch in payroll software experienced by many Peachtree customers.

Trustee Leonard MOVED to approve the Treasurers Report and Monthly Disbursements in the amount of \$99,786.58, and additions to disbursements in the amount of \$16,532.19. Trustee Horn SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Stahl, "AYE"; Trustee Elliott, "AYE"; Trustee Horn, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE". Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Mr. Padgett distributed information to the board members in regard to the extended stay campers at Friends Creek. Mr. Padgett believes with the increase in gas more campers will chose to stay closer to home, though he himself is not able to participate in extended stay due to personal reasons. Trustee Horn requested records be presented showing difference between regular and extended stay revenue. Paul Marien will provide report for next board meeting.

PRIOR BUSINESS:

1. Event Policy: Director Merner reviewed the changes that had been made to the Special Events Policy as well as the proposed Special Events Application and a separate Wedding Application. She explained that undoubtedly there will be tweaking to this policy and the applications as we gain more experience in working with individuals on wedding planning. Trustee Horn had relatively minor changes: page 2 replacing "harmony" under purpose with alignment and on page 5, second paragraph adding after "Conservation District will" be entitled to..... Trustee Leonard made motion to accept proposed policy with added changes and Trustee Horn Seconded motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

2. Other: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rock Springs Maintenance Building Change Order #3:

Paul explained that before closing the ceiling in the shower stalls a conjunction box was wired in to accommodate any future needs. Trustee Stahl moved to accept Change Order #3 and Trustee Leonard seconded the motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Stahl, "AYE"; Trustee Elliott, "AYE"; Trustee Horn, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE". Motion carried.

2. Rock Springs Maintenance Building Final Payout:

Paul Marien reported that everything has been finished and the building is now occupied. The final payment to be made is \$39,168.68. Trustee Leonard made motion to accept the final payment and Trustee Stahl seconded the motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Stahl, "AYE"; Trustee Elliott, "AYE"; Trustee Horn, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE". Motion carried.

3. Meeting with the City of Decatur Staff:

Director Merner summarized the meeting with the City of Decatur by stating that the City does have a sincere interest in controlling water levels below the dam. Currently, the City is monitoring water levels. A hydrology study needs to be conducted. The City is also addressing the Asian Carp issue. They have hired a consultant to advise them on options.

4. ADA Assessment Report:

Director Merner briefly summarized the report received from the consultant. She explained that we have received all the materials and they can be found in 2-3" binders. The consultant is available for the April meeting to walk through the evaluation. The plan of the District is to begin with simple procedures that have an immediate impact such as revising handicap signs, replacing door knobs, faucet handles, updating accessible routes, etc. The consultant will be writing the policies for accommodations that will need to be adopted by the district. Director Merner advised the Board to come prepared with questions for the consultant.

- 5: Set Budget Study Session Date:

After much discussion and in order to have a quorum, the March Board Meeting was moved from March 21st to March 26th. The budget session will begin at 4:30 p.m. with the regular board meeting held at 7:00 p.m.

6. Oglesby Mansion Porch Renovation:

Paul Marien shared a slide presentation of the Oglesby Mansion porch project, which also included an original picture of the Mansion being used as a comparison for the renovations. The District is to manage the project versus Oglesby Mansion Inc. The Mansion Board was able to raise \$60,000 for the project. Trustee Elliott did question the outcome of the old elevator located in the mansion. Paul is seeking a proposal from an architect for removal of the elevator and will have more information next month. A suggestion has been made to provide a “virtual tour” of the upstairs of the mansion as a means of accessibility of touring the upstairs of the Mansion.

7. Departmental Reports: The Board heard reports from Director Merner, Administration Department; Jeff Tish, Program Services Department; Paul Marien, Operations Department.

8. Other: Director Merner announced the Legislator’s Breakfast will be held on February 22nd at 7:00 a.m. at the Scovill Banquet Center.

COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Trustee Leonard and seconded by Trustee Stahl to hold an executive session to discuss 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. Also to address litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

All members of the Board present voted, “AYE”. Motion carried. Time: 8:43 p.m.

The Executive Session was adjourned and the board returned to open session at 8:53 p.m.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Trustee Leonard and seconded by Trustee Stahl to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2012 executive session. All members of the Board present voted, “AYE”. Motion carried.

Before closing the regular public meeting, it was announced that recommendations for Rod’s replacement are needed before the April meeting with forms due to the Nominating Committee by April 11th.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Trustee Horn MOVED to adjourn the Regular Public Meeting at 8:58 p.m. Trustee Leonard SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

SECRETARY