

MACON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES -- REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

January 19, 2011 7:00 p.m.

ROCK SPRINGS NATURE CENTER – DECATUR, ILLINOIS

I. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

II. SECRETARY’S REPORT

1. Approval of the Minutes of the December 15th Regular Public Meeting.

III. TREASURER’S REPORT AND MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

1. Approval of Treasurer’s Report for January, 2011
2. Approval of January disbursements including additions

IV. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

The Board will receive public comments concerning items on the agenda, as well as communications, petitions, reports from citizens or representatives of other agencies. Such comments should not include discussion of personnel matters, which should be brought directly to the attention of the administration.

V. PRIOR BUSINESS

1. Sanitary District –utility access

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Foundation Director
2. Payout #5 Rock Springs Maintenance Facility
3. Appointment of new Trustee
4. Other

VIII. COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

January 19, 2011

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

Board members present: President Matthews, Secretary Elliott, Treasurer Horn, 2nd Vice-President Leonard. Absent: 1st Vice-President Washburn.

Trustee Elliott MOVED to approve the Minutes of the November 17, 2010, Regular Public Meeting with the following correction: Paragraph 4 should read as follows:

‘Trustee Horn MOVED to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Monthly Disbursements for December, 2010, with additions to the General Corporate Fund totaling \$8,021.00. Trustee Washburn SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Washburn, “AYE”; Trustee Elliott, “AYE”; Trustee Matthews, “AYE”; Trustee Horn, “AYE”; Trustee Leonard, “AYE”. Motion carried.’

Trustee Horn MOVED to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Monthly Disbursements for January, 2011, including additions to the General Corporate Fund totaling \$22,968.92. Trustee Elliott SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Elliott, “AYE”; Trustee Matthews, “AYE”; Trustee Horn, “AYE”; Trustee Leonard, “AYE”. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:

Dean Padgett, 3245 N. Susan Drive, Decatur, Illinois, was present and gave the Board of Trustees a handout regarding his suggestions and opinions about the campground at Friends Creek Conservation Area.

PRIOR BUSINESS:

1. Sanitary District – utility access
Director Merner stated she had nothing new to report in this regard.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Appointment of Foundation Director
The Foundation Board has recommended David White to fill a vacancy on its Board. The appointment for the three year term requires conservation district board authorization Trustee Leonard MOVED to authorize the appointment of David White as Macon County Conservation Foundation Director as stated above. Trustee Horn SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, “AYE”. Motion carried.

2. Payout #5 Rock Springs Maintenance Facility
Trustee Horn MOVED to authorize Payout #5 to Associated Contractors in the amount of \$192,796.20 for work completed on the Rock Springs Maintenance Facility. Trustee Elliott SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Elliott, "AYE"; Trustee Matthews, "AYE"; Trustee Horn, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE". Motion carried.
3. Appointment of New Trustee
Director Merner stated that President Matthews term would expire June 30th, 2011, and a new Trustee will be appointed by the Macon County Board to serve a 5 year term. The Macon County Board Chairman suggested the District set up a process for recommending candidates to fill Board vacancies. Director Merner gave the Board a suggested process that would be typical for use by non-profit organizations. Trustee Leonard MOVED to accept the process as stated above. Trustee Elliott SECONDED the Motion All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried. It was suggested that the Board revisit this process in one year.
4. Grand Victoria Foundation
Director Merner stated she has been invited to serve on the working group of the Grand Victoria Foundation's Vital Lands Initiative. The goal of Vital Lands is to help create a connected system of natural areas throughout the State. Serving on the Board will require participation in monthly conference calls and attendance at two retreats and one annual meeting. Her service will bring income to the Macon County Conservation Foundation in the amount of \$5,000. She will keep the Board updated.

COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES:

Trustee Horn congratulated the District's Green Team for their efforts in going green. He stated that he would like to see the District do something large scale that we can demonstrate to the community. Also a program could be centered around "Ways to go Green".

Trustee Leonard MOVED to go into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. Trustee Elliott SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Elliott MOVED to resume the regular public meeting at 8:10 p.m. Trustee Leonard SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Leonard MOVED to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session held on January 19, 2011. Trustee Horn SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

There being no further business Trustee Elliott MOVED to adjourn the Regular Public Meeting at 8:15 p.m. Trustee Leonard SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

SECRETARY