

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

May 18, 2011 7:00 p.m.

ROCK SPRINGS NATURE CENTER – DECATUR, ILLINOIS

MEET AT THE ROCK SPRINGS MAINTENANCE BUILDING AT 6:30 FOR A TOUR.

- I. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING**
- II. SECRETARY’S REPORT**
 - 1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 20th Budget Hearing and Regular Public Meeting.**
- III. TREASURER’S REPORT AND MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS**
 - 1. Approval of Treasurer’s Report for May, 2011**
 - 2. Approval of May 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. Sheriff Department Proposal**
 - 2. Trustee Appointment**
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Deer Herd Management Program Report and Recommendations**
 - 2. Authorize Pay application #7 Rock Springs Maintenance Building**
 - 3. Approval of Utility Vehicle Purchase**
 - 4. Contract for design work-deck at nature center**
 - 5. Contract for design work-service lane Rock Springs Conservation Area**
 - 6. Authorize payout for paving of campground roads**
 - 7. Report on the Festival of Spring**
 - 8. Insurance renewal**
 - 9. Other**
- VII. COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES**
- VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION- compensation and performance of specific employees of the public body, and the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body.**
- IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

May 18, 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 and Treasurer Horn. Absent: 1st Vice President Washburn. and 2nd Vice President Leonard.

Trustee Elliott MOVED to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on April 20, 2011, for the Budget for fiscal year April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012, as presented. Trustee Horn SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, “AYE”. Motion carried.

Trustee Elliott MOVED to approve the Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of April 20, 2011, as presented. Trustee Horn SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, “AYE”. Motion carried.

Trustee Horn MOVED to approve the Treasurer’s Report, monthly disbursements for May and additional disbursements in the amount of \$4,710.72, as presented. Trustee Elliott SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Elliott, “AYE”; Trustee Matthews, “AYE”; Trustee Horn, “AYE”. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Lee Slider presented President Matthews with a gift certificate on behalf of the Ground Squirrels Vintage baseball team, and thanked her for her years of service as Trustee of the Macon County Conservation District. President Matthews stated that she has enjoyed her time on the Board.

Dean Padgett, Decatur, Illinois, was present and offered his opinion regarding the campground at Friends Creek Conservation Area.

PRIOR BUSINESS:

1. Sheriff Department Proposal
Director Merner presented the Board with a list of Factors in Evaluating Land for Acquisition by the Macon County Conservation District. Also presented was an estimate of restoration costs for the Grove Branch Restoration. Trustee Elliott MOVED that Director Merner share the cost estimate and factors in evaluating land with the Sheriff’s Department. Trustee Horn SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present

voted, "AYE". Motion carried. Trustees concurred that restoration, education and recreation should be a part of the site for public use.

2. Trustee Horn MOVED to reaffirm the nomination of Mark Stahl to be recommended to the Macon County Board Chairman to serve as District Trustee. Trustee Elliott SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Deer Herd Management Program Report and Recommendation
Mike Bricker of the Operations staff presented the report and answered questions from Trustees. Staff recommendation was to continue the program at Rock Springs Conservation Area, Sand Creek Conservation Area, Friends Creek Conservation Area and Fort Daniel Conservation Area with no changes to the program from last year. Trustee Elliott MOVED to authorize staff's recommendation as stated above. Trustee Horn SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.
2. Authorize pay application #7, Rock Springs Maintenance Building
Trustee Horn MOVED to authorize pay application #7 to Associated Construction in the amount of \$144, 843.13. Trustee Elliott SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Elliott, "AYE"; Trustee Matthews, "AYE"; Trustee Horn, "AYE". Motion carried.
3. Approval of Utility Vehicle Purchase
Trustee Horn MOVED to approve the utility vehicle purchase in the amount of \$9,200 as staff requested. Trustee Elliott SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Elliott, "AYE"; Trustee Matthews, "AYE"; Trustee Horn, "AYE". Motion carried.
4. Contract for Design Work – Deck at Nature Center
Trustee Horn MOVED to approve the proposal from Massie & Massie for design work for the deck on the west side of the nature center in the amount of \$2,700. Trustee Elliott SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Elliott, "AYE"; Trustee Matthews, "AYE"; Trustee Horn, "AYE". Motion carried.
5. Contract for Design Work – service lane Rock Springs Conservation Area
Trustee Horn MOVED to approve the proposal from Massie & Massie for design work for the service lane that runs between Brozio Lane and the main parking lot in the amount of \$2,100. Several concepts will be developed for this project. Trustee Elliott SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Elliott, "AYE"; Trustee Matthews, "AYE"; Trustee Horn, "AYE". Motion carried.

6. Authorize Payout for Paving of Campground Roads
Board authorization is required to pay B & W Asphalt paving for campground oil and chip rock seal road coating in the amount of \$24,928.20. Trustee Elliott MOVED to authorize payment as stated above. Trustee Horn SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Elliott, "AYE"; Trustee Matthews, "AYE"; Trustee Horn, "AYE". Motion carried.
7. Report of Festival of Spring
Jeff Tish reported that approximately 550 people attended the Festival this year. 173 people visited Homestead Prairie Farm. The weather cooperated making the day a great one for the Festival of Spring.
8. Insurance Renewal
Director Merner reported that the District has received a renewal notice for dental insurance for employees. Accepting the renewal from Delta Dental will result in an annual increase of \$750. Trustee Horn MOVED to accept the renewal as stated above. Trustee Elliott SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Elliott, "AYE"; Trustee Matthews, "AYE"; Trustee Horn, "AYE". Motion carried.
9. Director Merner read a letter of thanks from the Ground Squirrels base ball Club to the District Trustees for the use of the concession stand at main events. The letter was from Bob Sampson on behalf of the players.
10. Director Merner reported that the Sanitary District is accepting bids for the removal of sludge from the sludge lagoon located on District lands.

COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES:

Susan Matthews thanked the Ground Squirrels and stated she would be moving to Colorado within the next few weeks.

Trustee Horn MOVED to go into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss 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 Horn MOVED to resume the Regular Public Meeting at 8:25 p.m. Trustee Elliott SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Elliott MOVED to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session of May 18th, 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 8:35 p.m. Trustee Matthews SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

SECRETARY