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NOTICE TO ALL MCHENRY COUNTY MEDIA

MEETING NOTICE

(February 18, 2020) In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, this is to inform you that the regular monthly meeting of the McHenry County Conservation District Board of Trustees has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Brookdale Administrative Offices in Woodstock, Illinois.

The Brookdale Administrative Offices are located in Brookdale Conservation Area at 18410 US Highway 14, Woodstock, Illinois. Please contact the District office for more detailed directions at (815) 338-6223 X1234.
1.0 CALL TO ORDER - President Vern Scacci

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 INTRODUCTORY ROLL CALL

3.1 Roll Call

4.0 CONSERVATION ETHIC

Goal #6: To foster a conservation ethic among McHenry County citizens helping all of us, regardless of the basis for our interest in nature, to develop a greater awareness of our role in, and responsibility for, the total community of life. A conservation ethic asks us to assume a moral duty to become educated about conservation issues and then to act on that information. A conservation ethic is an attitude that recognizes the importance of preserving the natural heritage of the county’s open space.

Goal #4: To interpret and to promote the overall significance of natural and cultural resources and to promote public understanding and support of District land management practices.

5.0 CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

We pledge to make a difference by standing up for our water, wildlife and way of life in McHenry County. Our quality of life in McHenry County depends on healthy and sustainable natural resources, thoughtfully developed cities and towns, a strong economy, and beautiful outdoor places to explore, discover and recreate.

No. 1: We will protect land which filters and removes pollutants from water while enhancing groundwater recharge.
6.0 ADOPT THE AGENDA

7.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITION PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS
7.1 Resolution #20-06 - Proclamation Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Environmental Defenders of McHenry County

8.0 TRUSTEES REPORT

9.0 COUNTY BOARD LIAISON REPORT

10.0 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

11.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS I

Public comments on Conservation District matters will be limited to 3 min. per person. Board members welcome all comments and will take them under advisement.

12.0 BOARD BUSINESS – CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items are approved in one motion as presented on the agenda. The Trustees may remove items from the consent agenda for discussion purposes prior to the motion to approve.

12.1 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
12.1a January 14, 2020 - Finance & Administrative Committee
12.1b January 16, 2020 - Public Session
12.1c January 21, 2020 - Public Session
12.1d December 19, 2019 - Executive Session I & II

12.2 Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report for January 31, 2020 as presented.

12.3 Resolution #20-07 authorizing the destruction of listed verbatim recordings of Executive Session Meetings between January 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018 in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

12.4 Resolution #20-08 authorizing the release of listed Executive Session Minutes to the public domain in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

12.5 Resolution #20-09 authorizing the Executive Director to execute a twelve (12) month Professional Services Agreement beginning April 1, 2020 and ending March 31, 2021 with Concentric Integration, LLC of Crystal Lake, IL, for IT and computer support services.

12.6 Resolution #20-10 authorizing the Executive Director to execute the five Month-to-Month Residence License Agreements as presented through the term of April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

12.7 Resolution #20-11 authorizing travel expenditures for the IT Specialist/Administrative Assistant to attend the GMIS conference at a cost not to exceed $1,500.

12.8 Resolution #20-12 accepting the Funding Request Guidelines for Project Submittals to the McHenry County Conservation Foundation and authorization to proceed with raising funds for McHenry County Conservation District projects listed for FY 2021.
12.9 Resolution #20-13 authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Algonquin concerning streetscape improvements and bridge replacement associated with the Prairie Trail.

12.10 Resolution #20-14 authorizing the Executive Director to execute the renewed Joint Grassland Venture leases that begin with the 2020 crop year with current lease holders: Alden Sedge Meadow (10 +/- Acres) - Spiniolas, Brad; Fox Bluff (7.8 +/- Acres) - Berning, Tom; Hickory Grove (12.2 +/- Acres)- Berning, Tom as presented.

13.0 NEW & UNFINISHED BOARD BUSINESS

13.1 Approval of Bills Payable for the Month of January 2020

13.1a Treasurer’s Internal Audit

13.1b Consideration to Approve the payment to Conserve FS as indicated on the Submission of Bills Pending Report for the period ending January 31, 2020 (if needed)

13.1c Consideration to Approve the payment of the balance of bills as indicated on the Submission of Bills Pending Report for the month ending January 31, 2020

13.2 Consideration of Ordinance #20-972 - Approval of FY 2021 Final Combined Annual Budget

13.3 Consideration of Resolution #20-15 - Professional Services Agreement with McGrath Human Resources Group, Inc. of Wonder Lake, IL for Culture Assessment of McHenry County Conservation District for $4,500

13.4 First Reading: Personnel Policies - Transgender Policy & Workplace Bullying Policy

13.5 Grant Updates - RTP Grant Application - Hebron Trail & IDNR Bike Path Grant Application - Prairie Trail

14.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

15.0 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & REPORTS

15.1 Trustee Reports on Conferences & Meetings Attended

15.1a Fox River Ecosystem Partnership (FREP) - Trustee Campbell

15.1b WRAP -Director of Land Preservation & Natural Resources Collins

15.1c Chicago Wilderness - Executive Director Kessler

15.1d McHenry County Farm Bureau - Trustee Fritz

15.1e IACFPD/IAPD/NRPA -Executive Director Kessler

15.1f McHenry County Conservation Foundation - Trustee Thomas

15.1g McHenry County Council of Governments - President Scacci

15.1h Green Drinks Crystal Lake - Trustee Campbell

15.1i Conservation Congress 2020 - President Scacci & Vice President Brandt

15.1j MCCG Shared Investment Study & Algonquin/Cary Subarea Plan Steering Committee - Executive Director Kessler
15.1k MAPP - Director of Operations & Public Safety Kremer
15.1l Visit McHenry County - Executive Director Kessler
15.1m Other Outreach Contacts

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17.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 2C1 (Personnel) and 2C11 (Pending Litigation), 2C21 (Review of Closed Session Minutes) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 et. seq.).

18.0 RECONVENE - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION
18.1 Roll Call

19.0 ADJOURNMENT
(Motion to adjourn or a motion to fix the time to which the Board shall adjourn to Thursday, March 5, 2020, 5:00 p.m., Brookdale Administrative Office if needed).

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