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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
McHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of January 22, 2009**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The special call meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Joint Committee meeting of the McHenry County Conservation District was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Hankins on the evening of January 22, 2009, at the Glacial Park Conference Center, 7210 Keystone Road, Ringwood, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Kimberly Hankins, Vice President
Kevin Ivers, Trustee

Staff Present: Elizabeth S. Kessler, Executive Director
John Kremer, Director of Operations
Anne Basten, Executive Assistant
Deb Chapman, Educational Services Manager
Wendy Kummerer, Communications Manager
Tom McCarthy, Land & Facilities Manager

Committee Members
Present:

Harold Abramson
Dick Arsenau
Jack Berry
Fred Durrenberg
John Engebretson
David Gervais
Don Giese
Bill Howenstine
Larry Lane
Ed Laumbacher
Tom Paulsen
Dan Wilson

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS

President Hankins welcomed all those present.

3.0 RECENT CHANGES TO PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN

3.1 Comprehensive Site Development and Public Access Plan

Executive Director Kessler reviewed the results of the Comprehensive Site Development and Public Access Plan and the formulation of the Top 42. She shared the list with those present.

3.2 Master Planning Process, Flow Chart/Timeline

Director of Operations Kremer reviewed the Communications Model for Master Plans and the role the Citizens Advisory Committee members will play in the nine to ten month process. He noted that there will be two to three master plans to be reviewed in the next year beginning with the Dufield Pond/McConnell Woods complex and the Boone Creek area near Woodstock and Bull Valley respectively. The CAC members will be invited to site tours early in the process and will have the opportunity to review the draft plans and the final master plan.

4.0 SITE NAMING

4.1 New Branding

Executive Director Kessler introduced the District's new branding to the group. She provided an overview of the proposed roll out of the new branding including that of entrance signs, land acquisition signs, wayfinding signs, boundary signs, etc. Bill Howenstine asked that the signs for conservation easements be reviewed and updated as there is a difference between easement property and property owned by the District and with the addition of the new logo it would be a good time to review all signs.

4.2 List of Names Needing Input

Executive Assistant Basten briefly reviewed the new site naming process that involves input from staff as well as the Citizens Advisory Committee members where the staff had previously done the naming. She then reviewed the first recommendation to the board that was rejected and the names that will be recommended at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees in February.

The consensus of those present was that the site names should not include the names of people, living or not, unless necessary. Others talked about sources of names from topographic maps, old surveys and other sources.

Director of Operations Kremer then gave the history of the name of Stone Mill Trail that will be submitted for the former "Harvard to Boone" trail route.

Executive Assistant Basten then requested that new names be submitted for the Johnson/Sobel properties along Johnson Road and additional historical information on any other sites that have yet to be named. She will be contacting members via email with information and requests as they come up.

5.0 REVIEW OF PAST PROJECTS

5.1 Review of Past Projects

President Hankins highlighted the results of the past tasks some of which are nearing implementation while others are not.

5.2 Brainstorming of Other Potential Activities

Trustee Ivers led the group in brainstorming of other potential activities for these volunteers. Ideas that surfaced included committees focused on wildlife management, history of sites, partnerships such as AmeriCorps, etc. Further discussion followed on the role of the advisory committee members and that the District still wants to keep the members active but currently hasn't determined the best way to do so to ensure that the experience is focused, relevant and meaningful. The committee members would like to stay active but would like more direction and increased communication.

6.0 FUTURE PROJECTS

6.1 Reminder of Upcoming Planning Opportunities

President Hankins reminded the group that they will be contacted regarding upcoming Master Plans and site names and other input as it comes up.

7.0 VISITOR CENTER AT GLACIAL PARK

7.1 Overview of Plan Design

Executive Director Kessler reviewed the steps taken to get to the plan design phase to date and talked about some of the innovative features that are being priced and shared her enthusiasm for the project.

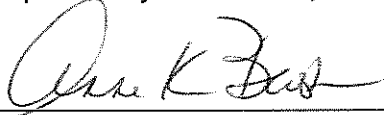
7.2 Tour of Building

After reviewing the plans distributed about the room, staff took the group on a tour of the existing building conditions and talked about some of the proposed changes.

8.0 ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the group, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. January 22, 2009.

Respectively submitted,



Anne Basten, Executive Assistant

Date: 2/19/09