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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OUTREACH & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
McHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of September 17, 2009

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Special Call meeting of the Board of Trustees Outreach & Advocacy Committee of the McHenry County Conservation District was called to order at 4:50 p.m. by Chairperson/Secretary Ivers on the evening of September 17, 2009, at the Brookdale Administrative Offices, 18410 US Highway 14, Woodstock, Illinois.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Kevin Ivers, Secretary/Chairperson
Martha Carver, Trustee
Matthew Ewertowski, Trustee (arrived at 5:44 p.m.)

Staff Present: Elizabeth S. Kessler, Executive Director
John Kremer, Director of Operations
Anne Basten, Executive Assistant

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4.0 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

4.2 Citizen's Advisory Committee Discussion

4.2a Newsletter

Chairperson/Secretary Ivers led the discussion about what types of things should be in a Citizen's Advisory Newsletter. The goal is to find ways to provide the members with information that they can use as advocates of the District. The consensus is that the newsletter should include general facts on existing situations, stories on openings and progress on projects that they have had input on. Also, the group would like to encourage the committee members to provide the board with feedback from the field.

4.2b Citizen Advisory Committee Task Force

Chairperson/Secretary Ivers and Executive Director Kessler will work on the wording for an objective to focus an ad hoc task force on researching wind energy including types of systems available, wildlife and people issues, impact on land and ownership options. Chairperson/Secretary Ivers and Executive Director Kessler will also begin to review the existing policies regarding the Citizen's Advisory Committees.

4.1b Establish Agenda Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting

Chairperson/Secretary Ivers suggested that the meeting begin with a business portion with the Board of Trustees on the new direction and the role of

the task forces followed by social networking time. The newsletter will go out early next week to invite the Citizen Advisory Committee Members to the meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at the Brookdale Administrative Offices.

4.1 Approval of Minutes

4.1a August 20, 2009

A motion was made by Trustee Ewertowski, seconded by Chairperson/Secretary Ivers to approve the minutes of August 20, 2009 as presented. A voice vote resulted in all ayes.

Motion passed unanimously.

4.3 Municipal Outreach

Chairperson/Secretary Ivers presented an updated list of municipal meeting dates and locations and will request that all Board members sign up to attend several meetings and will appoint others to fill holes later in the year. Trustees Carver and Ewertowski already noted activities they were planning on attending. Executive Director Kessler will develop talking points so that all Trustees are sharing the same message.

4.4 McHenry County Conservation Foundation

Executive Director Kessler stated that the Foundation was meeting the following week and would get back to her with possible dates for a joint meeting of the Foundation Directors and the Trustees.

4.5 Legislative Update

Executive Assistant Basten covered the most recent legislation that Governor Quinn signed that adds the CPI to the debt service extension base of our agency. Executive Director Kessler covered the upcoming Urban Park Summit being held in Washington, D.C. with the goal of restoring federal support and funding for urban parks and revitalizing urban communities.

4.6 Miscellaneous

4.6a Upcoming Events of Interest

Executive Director Kessler reviewed the updated list of upcoming events and reviewed the SWAT workshop that was held the previous Friday.

4.7 Establish Future Meeting Dates

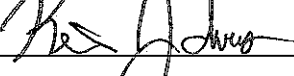
The next meeting of the Outreach & Advocacy Committee will meet on November 19, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. at the Brookdale Administrative Offices.

5.0 ADJOURN

There being no additional business to come before the Outreach & Advocacy Committee at this time, *a motion was made by Trustee Ewertowski, seconded by Trustee Carver, that the meeting be adjourned.*

Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m. on September 17, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Ivers, Chairperson

10/22/09
Date