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BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OUTREACH & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE  
McHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Minutes of June 18, 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 5:03 p.m. by President Kimberly Hankins on the evening of June 18, 2009, at the Brookdale Administrative Offices, 18410 US Highway 14, Woodstock, Illinois.

## 2.0 ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Kimberly Hankins, President, Chair  
Kevin Ivers, Trustee  
Martha Carver, Trustee

Staff Present: Elizabeth S. Kessler, Executive Director  
Anne Basten, Executive Assistant  
John Kremer, Director of Operations (arrived at 5:15 p.m.)

## 3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

## 4.0 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

### 4.1 Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2009

A motion was made by Trustee Ivers, seconded by Trustee Carver, to approve the minutes of March 26, 2009. A roll call vote gave the following results: Ivers-yes, Hankins-yes, Carver-yes.

Motion passed.

### 4.2 Citizen's Advisory Committee

#### 4.2a Task Force Update

Trustee Ivers reported that at the meeting of the Task Force on April 29, 2009, those present gave a historical perspective of the committees. In the past, staff had been more involved including taking the minutes of the meetings and more recently approval of the minutes were made by email and the minutes were then forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Ivers then reported that currently, some members are experiencing a lost connection while others are still feeling connected. It was noted that participation in the master plan process has not been discontinued.

Trustee Ivers then covered the discussion about the future. The recommendation is to continue to select CAC members that are aware of and

attuned to the "conservation ethic" with a continued advisory role to the Board and that they also serve as advocates of the agency. An annual meeting should continue to be held in January where specific issues for the coming year are identified and "pools of interest" related to specific areas of expertise/interest are formed. Trustee Ivers stated that we need to empower the members and use their knowledge for specific needs of the board.

Director of Operations Kremer talked about how the CAC were used on the dog park issue. Staff conducted research and presented the research to the CAC members who did additional research and came back with a recommendation. He stated that the work they did on the solar building was demoralizing because they recommended keeping the building and the Board of Trustees decided to remove it.

Those present then discussed possible topics for input and talked about making the parameters clear from the beginning and that a recommendation or a consensus of the members was not the focus of the group but to provide individual input and opinions. Executive Director Kessler and the group identified several items that were brought up during the Thought Leaders Summit exercise and on the Strategic Plan.

The group then discussed assigning task force groups rather than standing committees with a maximum commitment of two years with a group of seven members at a time. It was suggested that County Board Liaison Merkel be asked about the other applicants that were turned down for the Trustee positions. President Hankins recommended proceeding with the sixteen or so members currently on the committees and asking their opinions. The consensus was to proceed with assigning short term task force groups as needed and that staff would continue to work on two to three topics after the Thought Leaders Summit information is digested for a potential meeting in early September.

#### 4.3 Miscellaneous

There was nothing to discuss under this topic.

#### 4.4 Establish Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 5, 2009 before the Board meeting.

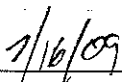
### 5.0 **ADJOURN**

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

Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. on June 18, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kevin Ivers, Trustee

  
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