

Vermilion County Conservation District
Headquarters, Kennekuk County Park
Danville, IL

Record of Proceedings
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

6:00 pm

Visitor Center

Zack Hickman Room

Kennekuk County Park

Danville, IL

Trustees Present: Jim B. Britton, Jr.
Max C. Call
Brett K. Little
Tim A. Berthel
Robert G. Miles

Trustees Absent: None

(Note: Condensed version of minutes)

This special meeting is for the purpose of having an open discussion with Farnsworth and Associates architect, Rick McPhee to finalize the temporary floor plan of the environmental education center.

- DVD of the environmental education center was shown
- Introduction of architect, Rick McPhee
- Rick gave a brief history of the project and the progressions made to meet staff needs. The final design might cost \$7M.
- District currently has \$1.4M available which includes \$1M in state capital funds and a \$400,000 IDNR OSLAD grant. A temporary design is needed to access these funds before they are lost.
- Estimations are based on \$155/sq. ft.
- Trustee Berthel introduced an alternative floor plan that included a green house. Rick suggested that the greenhouse could be added to the North side of the building.
- An IDNR change order is needed for the OSLAD grant.
- Construction drawings are estimated at \$150,000.
- Trustees are asked to approve the temporary floor plan as presented. It has already been approved by the VCCD Foundation Directors.
- Trustee Berthel is concerned about the conference center being built last, since that is the revenue producing part of the building. However, savings would come from the elimination of the current nature center. Grants are going to be pursued vigorously.
- Temporary Floor Plan is approved by 3-1 vote (Trustee Berthel voting no).
- Next step is to get cost estimations of the construction drawings.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm