

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

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Monday, December 22, 2014
4:45 p.m.
Perry Jaynes Financial Conference Room
17 E. Liberty Lane
Danville, IL**

President Bogart called to order the Special Meeting of the Vermilion County Conservation District Board of Trustees to order at 4:45 p.m. and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll call showed the following:

Trustees Present: Nikki A. Bogart
Allen E. Cooke
Jonathan A. Myers
Perry A. Jaynes
B. Dirk Porter [conference call]

Trustee(s) Absent: none

Also in attendance was Ken Konsis, Executive Director, and Jamie Pasquale, Associate Director.

First order of business, agenda item number four, was the Adoption of, or Amendments to the Agenda.

Trustee Myers moved to approve the agenda as presented. This was followed by a second from Trustee Cooke. All in favor by acclamation, motion to approve the agenda carried.

Agenda item number five was Audience Comments. There were none.

Agenda item number six, Specific Items of Business to be Transacted.

Item six a. Select an Insurance Plan. Trustee Jaynes began the discussion by noting that in his opinion, he prefers Health Alliance over Coventry because of better service and the ease of filing claims. All area hospitals are in-network with Health Alliance, as is all physicians. He recommends the Health Alliance HMO HSA 2000a Silver Aggregate RxIL2 plan. The quoted monthly premium is \$15,670.31.

President Bogart suggested that we should extrapolate the premiums from each category (employee only, employee and spouse, employee and children, and family) to consider the percentage of these categories toward the premium.

Trustee Jaynes commented that the District should explore any alternate revenue source to help fund the premium, such as a “sponsorship program” to ask local companies for support. The Noon Kiwanis have had success with this.

Trustee Jaynes next announced that Trustee Myers has to leave the meeting early, so we should move along.

Therefore, *Trustee Myers moved to approve the Health Alliance HMO HSA 2000a Silver plan with a monthly premium of \$15,670.31. This was followed by a second from Trustee Cooke.*

Trustee Myers expressed his concern that the board has not had enough time to thoroughly research this.

Trustee Jaynes commented that both brokers who submitted bids, Dimond Brothers Insurance (Gordon Thoennes) and Owen Financial (Larry Owen), have submitted the same bid price, therefore it is the Board’s preference.

President Bogart stated that Gordon Thoennes knows the employees, but he should have brought this to the Board in October.

Trustee Jaynes responded that the website quote was not available until after the election.

President Bogart requested a roll call vote. The results:

Trustee Myers	-	yes
Trustee Cooke	-	yes
President Bogart	-	yes
Trustee Jaynes	-	yes

The motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote; motion carried.

Agenda item six b. Select an Insurance Broker. President Bogart asked the Trustees if they had any problem with choosing someone different.

Trustee Myers answered that he does not know Larry Owen, but he serves on the V.C.C. Foundation Board with Gordon Thoennes and knows him quite well. He would therefore recommend Gordon Thoennes.

Trustee Cooke stated that he would select Larry Owen.

President Bogart stated that Gordon Thoennes dropped the ball and she wasn’t happy about how he handled the health insurance situation with the county.

Trustee Jaynes said that he must abstain from the voting because of his relationship with his company.

President Bogart asked the Executive Director of his thoughts. He answered that Gordon Thoennes was the only health insurance broker that he has worked with while being executive director. He was always available and addressed our problems. Therefore, he would recommend staying with Gordon Thoennes.

President Bogart asked how many affirmative votes are needed to select a broker.

Associate Director Pasquale answered, "Three".

President Bogart asked if Trustee Jaynes could be the broker and abstain from voting.

Trustee Jaynes and Trustee Myers answered, "No".

President Bogart asked the Executive Director if he could work with Larry Owen. He answered that he could work with anyone.

Trustee Myers moved to select Gordon Thoennes as the insurance broker.

The Executive Director asked if Trustee Porter could be contacted. Trustee Myers agreed. President Bogart therefore contacted Trustee Porter and placed him on speaker phone.

President Bogart explained the situation to Trustee Porter.

Trustee Porter seconded the motion to retain Gordon Thoennes.

President Bogart asked for discussion.

Trustee Porter then asked if everyone was for Gordon Thoennes.

President Bogart stated that the Executive Director has worked with Gordon Thoennes but he didn't have numbers in a timely fashion.

President Bogart explained that now we have a 2-2 tie because Trustee Jaynes must abstain. Trustee Porter therefore said that he would change his vote to Larry Owen.

President Bogart requested a roll call vote. The results:

Trustee Myers	-	yes
Trustee Cooke	-	no
President Bogart	-	no
Trustee Jaynes	-	abstain
Trustee Porter	-	no

The motion therefore failed to pass.

Trustee Cooke moved to approve Larry Owen as the broker. This was followed by a second from Trustee Porter.

President Bogart requested a roll call vote. The results:

Trustee Myers	-	no
Trustee Cooke	-	yes
President Bogart	-	yes
Trustee Jaynes	-	abstain
Trustee Porter	-	yes

The motion to approve Larry Owen Financial, was approved with a 3 – 1 vote; one abstention.

With no further discussion, and all business transacted, Trustee Myers moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. This was followed by a second from Trustee Cooke. Meeting adjourned.

Perry A. Jaynes
Secretary
V.C.C.D. Board of Trustees