

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

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

**Wednesday, May 4, 2016  
4:30 p.m.  
Kennekuk Education Center  
Kennekuk County Park  
Danville, IL 61834**

President Myers called the Special Meeting of the Vermilion County Conservation District Board of Trustees to order at 4:30 p.m. and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. This meeting was the rescheduled April 20, 2016 meeting.

Roll call showed the following.

Trustees Present: Allen E. Cooke  
Perry A. Jaynes  
Jonathan A. Myers

Trustee(s) Absent: Nikki A. Bogart  
B. Dirk Porter

In attendance were Ken Konsis, Executive Director; Jamie Pasquale, Associate Director and Amy Steeples, Recording Secretary.

Staff members present included Lorna Konsis, Mike Kotcher, Charles Rhoden, and Gary Tyrl.

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

President Myers asked for amendments to the agenda.

*With no corrections, Trustee Jaynes moved to approve the agenda as presented. This was followed by a second from Trustee Cooke. All in favor by acclamation, motion carried.*

Agenda item number five was the Approval of the Minutes from the March 16, 2016, Regular Meeting. President Myers asked for any corrections to the minutes.

*With no corrections, Trustee Cooke moved to approve the March 16, 2016, Regular Meeting Minutes. This was followed by a second from Trustee Jaynes. All in favor by acclamation, motion carried.*

Item number six a. Audience Comments. There were no comments.

Agenda item number seven, the Treasurer's Report. President Myers asked if there were any questions on items seven a through d.

With no questions or comments, *Trustee Cooke moved to approve the Current List of Bills from April 2016 in the amount of \$10,610.28, which included check #'s 35188 -35209; the Manual Checks for March 2016 in the amount of \$29,768.43 which included check #'s 35031 – 35039, 35061 – 35067, 35089 – 35106, and 35129 – 35139; the General Journal Entries for March 31, 2016; and the March 2016 Budget Report. This was followed by a second from Trustee Jaynes.*

President Myers requested a roll call vote. The results as follows:

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

The vote was 3 – 0 in favor, motion carried.

Agenda item number seven e. Executive Director Konsis reported the grand total of cash and investments as of April 20, 2016, was \$645,445.00. This compares to \$568,020.00 from the previous year. He asked if there were any questions from the Trustees regarding any of the investments.

Executive Director Konsis stated that the interest rate of .4% listed for First National Bank of Catlin is correct.

With no further discussion, *Trustee Jaynes moved to approve the April 20, 2016 Report on Cash and Investments as presented. This was followed by a second from Trustee Cooke. All in favor by acclamation, motion carried.*

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

Item eight a. Discuss/Approve Proposal for Engineering Services for Willow Creek Pond Emergency Overflow. Executive Director Konsis stated that the proposal was not included in the Trustee's packet and this can be placed on the May 18, 2016 agenda once they have had time to review the information.

The Trustees agreed and there was no action taken.

Item eight b. Consideration of Application for Alcohol Sales. The application from Presence United Samaritans Medical Center Foundation for the "Kickin' It Country" event on July 23, 2016, was reviewed. Executive Director Konsis stated that all requirements were met. There were no questions.

*Trustee Cooke moved to approve the Presence United Samaritans Medical Center Foundation application for alcohol sales for July 23, 2016. This was followed by a second from Trustee Jaynes. All in favor by acclamation, motion carried.*

Item eight c. Amendments to Rules and Regulations Ordinance. Executive Director Konsis explained that there were two amendments to consider for Ordinance #89.

Chapter III, Section 4: Hunting / Trapping; No. 4 as stated in the attached document.

Chapter III, addition of new section. Section 13: Horseback Riding as stated in the attached document.

*Trustee Jaynes moved to approve the amendments to Ordinance #89 as presented. This was followed by a second from Trustee Cooke. All in favor by acclamation, motion carried.*

Item eight d. Tentative Budget Update. Executive Director Konsis began with the Corporate Fund. The estimated cash balance on April 1, 2016 was increased by \$58,110 to \$596,880.

Revenue has been affected by the CPPRT allocation error made by the State of Illinois for the past two years. All Vermilion County taxing bodies received 26% more than earned. The amount of \$26,000 is to be paid back to the State beginning in January 2017, over 18 payments. In addition, a 23% reduction in the estimated CPPRT was recalculated. This results in a \$52,700 reduction.

Revenue in the amount of \$24,000 from the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was added to special events. The new revenue total is \$1,090,000 compared to \$1,135,000 in the Tentative Budget.

Expenditures were revised for salaries regarding a retiring employee's salary, a decrease; two part-time education employees were added; and a seasonal worker at Forest Glen was eliminated.

Other expenditure adjustments were: addition of the Lake Mingo Dam inspection; addition of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary expenditures; increase of the replacement of the Homestead Pioneer Barn roof; and allocation of \$19,000 from Forest Glen roads has been changed to Kennekuk roads.

Total disbursement is \$1,186,500, an increase of \$16,500 from the Tentative Budget of \$1,170,000. This now results in a \$96,500 unbalanced, negative budget. The actual cash balance for April 1, 2017 is now estimated to be \$500,380.

The Insurance and Compensation Fund and IMRF were also reported. The balances there are \$955 and \$108,645 respectively. Executive Director Konsis noted that the IMRF account is too high, and will need to be reduced.

President Myers commented regarding the Capital Improvement project list budget, he sees all the projects as deferred maintenance rather than capital improvements.

The Trustees discussed funding options including bonding and tax levy increase, at length.

It was the consensus of the Board to collect information on each and perhaps schedule a special meeting to review options in depth.

In the meantime, Executive Director Konsis will revise the Tentative Budget as discussed and present the final budget ordinance at the May 18, 2016 meeting for approval.

Agenda item number nine was Representative Reports.

Agenda item nine a: IACD President Jamie Pasquale reported that Executive Director Konsis and he attended a meeting on April 21, 2016 in Springfield at the IDNR building. Topics included grant updates, two State Park closings, Chronic Wasting Disease, and Chicago bypass expansion affecting Boone County Conservation District.

Agenda item nine b; V.C.C. Foundation Report. V.C.C.F. Director Myers reported that a new logo was approved, and a check was written to the Foundation for the Sportsman's Banquet profits of \$20,000.

Executive Director Konsis added that this money is earmarked for improvements to the Busby-Meyer Wildlife Area, in conjunction with a Clean Energy Grant award.

Foundation Director Myers continued with an invitation to visit the Foundation's new website, [www.vccfoundation.info](http://www.vccfoundation.info). Director Doug Quick has put many hours of work acquiring and designing the new site.

The Foundation Board also saw a presentation from Eco Justice Collaborative regarding coal ash pits located on the Middle Fork River. These pits are leaking into the river and need attention to prevent pollution of Illinois' only National Scenic River. This presentation will be given at the V.C.C.D. May 18, meeting.

The next scheduled Foundation meeting is rescheduled from June 10 to June 17, 2016.

Agenda item nine c: IAPD Report. Executive Director Konsis reported that the 38<sup>th</sup> annual IAPD Legislative Conference was held May 3-4. He reported on HB 2990 and HB 648 regarding State Budget funding for possibly sweeping grant funds.

Agenda item nine d: V.C.C.D. Revenue Producing/Expense Reduction Committee Report. President Meyers reported that Executive Director Konsis and he plan to meet soon regarding funding.

Agenda item nine e: Health Insurance Committee Report. Chairman, Trustee Jaynes stated there is nothing new to report.

This concluded Representative Reports.

Agenda item ten: There was nothing for executive session.

Agenda item eleven. Report From the Education Supervisor. Gary Wilford was not present. Amy Steeples reported that Outdoor School will continue for two more weeks. The Conservation Olympic Program is Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Six schools will bring 11 teams for the nine educational competitions. The Trustees were provided with the day's schedule and invited to attend.

Agenda item twelve: Report from the Associate Director. Associate Director Pasquale reported that a "new" used boat house has been constructed for Lake Vermilion. Jack Leverenz is working at the boat ramp now, selling boat decals and gasoline. The official boat ramp opening will be in two weeks. Lake Patrol will begin Memorial Day weekend.

The work on the Lake Vermilion boat docks is complete. This includes redesign and bubblers for the winter season which will help reduce damage.

Associate Director Pasquale has been mowing at Kennekuk and the Jordan Creek property.

Trustee Cooke noted that Hob Nob Market is scheduled for this weekend, May 6-7.

This concluded the report of the Associate Director.

Agenda item fourteen: Report From Executive Director. Executive Director Konsis passed a proof copy of the "Celebrating Our First 50 Years" commemorative book from Faulstich Printing Co.

The Kickapoo Rail Trail plans are currently undergoing a Comprehensive Environmental Review Process to certify that all environmental approvals have been met for construction. Ground breaking for the Champaign County Forest Preserve District portion is Sunday, May 22 at 3 p.m. at the East Urbana Industrial Park. All are invited and expected to attend.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative book, in its fifth and final draft, is at the printers. The total amount received for advertisements is \$5,100. Print cost for the book is \$7.00 each and will be sold for \$15.00. Seven hundred fifty books were ordered and we will begin book sales as soon as it is printed. No complimentary books will be given, apart from sponsors, Julius Hegeler, and for a few prizes and raffles.

Tickets for the June 11 banquet are available for \$30 each at the Civic Center box office, Kennekuk and Forest Glen. Tickets will also be available online. One hundred are held in reserve for comp tickets.

The video production first and second segments are done, with the third to be completed May 5. The video is 30 minutes with seven separate segments, excluding interviews.

The committee is signing up organizations to display on June 11 and at the open houses on June 12. To date the committee has thirteen commitments.

The V.C.C.D. Forester position has been filled by Cole Craft, who will begin June 1, 2016.

Vermilion County has signed a new energy service provider for 6.07 cents/KWH. The District currently has Direct Energy and pays 6.05 cents/KWH. The District will retain Direct Energy.

Hob Nob Market will be at Bunker Hill Historic Area on May 6 – 7. Their rental fee was increased from \$1,100 to \$2,000. The expected attendance is 2,000 – 3,000 people.

The plan to rejuvenate the secondary entrance to Kennekuk is progressing. A letter was mailed to Richard Bridgman regarding a lease agreement allowing access through his property or sale of the property, about a month and a half ago, with no response. A copy was included with the Trustee's board packets. The next step is to hand deliver the letter,

if that fails, it will be sent certified, then if that fails the District will request County Board assistance.

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 18, 2016; 4:30 p.m.; Kennekuk Education Center, Kennekuk County Park.

There were no other questions or comments.

Agenda item fifteen: President's and Trustee's Comments. President Myers had no comment.

Trustee Cooke had no comment.

Trustee Jaynes commented that the Noon Kiwanis awarded their pledge to Executive Director Konsis at their March Meeting.

With no further discussion, and all business transacted, *Trustee Cooke moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m. This was followed by a second from Trustee Jaynes. All in favor by acclamation. Meeting adjourned.*

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Nikki A. Bogart  
Secretary  
V.C.C.D. Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

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Allen E. Cooke  
Second Vice President  
V.C.C.D. Board of Trustees