

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

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

**Wednesday, May 8, 2018
4:30 p.m.
Environmental Education Center, Cellular One Classroom
Kennekuk County Park
Danville, IL**

President Myers called the Special Meeting of the Vermilion County Conservation District Board of Trustees to order and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll call showed the following to be present.

Trustees Present: Shelley McLain
Jonathan A. Myers
Charles B. Schroeder

Trustee(s) Absent: Perry A. Jaynes

In attendance were Interim Executive Director Pasquale, and Amy Steeples, Recording Secretary.

Staff members present included: Lara Darling, Kim Fox, and Mike Kotcher.

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 amendments, *Trustee McLain moved to approve the agenda as presented. This was followed by a second from Trustee Schroeder. All in favor by acclamation, motion carried.*

Agenda item number five was the Approval of the Minutes from the April 18, 2018, Regular Meeting.

With no corrections, *Trustee McLain moved to approve the April 18, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. This was followed by a second from Trustee Schroeder. All in favor by acclamation, motion carried.*

Agenda item number five b. Approval of the Executive Session Minutes from April 18, 2018.

With no corrections, *Trustee Schroeder moved to approve the April 18, 2018, Executive Session Minutes as presented. This was followed by a second from Trustee McLain. All in favor by acclamation, motion carried.*

Item number six a. Audience Comments. Lara Darling noted that the Trustees are invited to the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Forest Glen Preserve on May 22, and will be receiving an invitation in the mail.

Hearing no more, public comments were closed.

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

Item seven a. Approve Resolution #18-2 Appropriation of Local Match Funds for Kickapoo Rail Trail. Interim Executive Director Pasquale explained that the agreement was necessary for reallocation of grant funding and flexible match funds to the construction of the Kickapoo Rail Trail, Phase One in Vermilion County. The document states that the VCCD will allocate up to \$150,000 for participating construction and up to \$32,000 for construction engineering in local match funding to the Kickapoo Rail Trail, Phase One in Vermilion County; entering in an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for construction and construction engineering of said portion of the trail.

Interim Executive Director Pasquale stated that this money would not impact the VCCD budget; actually these would be private donor funds. Currently, dedicated funds total \$205,000.

With no comments, *Trustee McLain moved to approve Resolution #18-2 as presented. This was followed by a second from Trustee Schroeder.*

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

Trustee McLain	-	yes
Trustee Schroeder	-	yes
President Myers	-	yes

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

Item eight b. Approve Bids for 2018 Farm Lease. The attorney reviewed the current contract and advised not to subordinate the current lien.

Interim Executive Director Pasquale reported that one bid was received. It was opened, from Andrew Blackford. He bid \$150.00 per acre for 178.83 of the total 184.25 acres. One of the tracts is not accessible to him. This amounts to a total payment of \$26,824.50.

Trustee Schroeder moved to approve the bid received from Andrew Blackford for \$150.00 per acre for the Vermilion County Conservation District farm ground in the amount of 178.83 acres, not to include a 5.42 acre tract. This was followed by a second from Trustee McLain.

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

Trustee Schroeder	-	yes
Trustee McLain	-	yes
President Myers	-	yes

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

President Myers stated that decisions regarding the past tenant farmer need to be made. The District has rights and obligations regarding the past due amounts that are owed.

Item eight c. Approve Lease Agreement with Serenity Base Music Festival. At this point there has been no response since the District Attorney sent the contract back to their attorney with our changes.

President Myers questioned a reasonable amount of time before releasing the area to the public for rental. The District has been holding the specified area(s) for the proposed festival.

Interim Executive Director Pasquale responded that he would recommend if nothing has progressed by the next meeting, the specified area(s) be released.

Trustee McLain moved to table approval of the lease with Serenity Base Fest until the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on May 23, 2018. This was followed by a second from Trustee Schroeder. All in favor by acclamation, motion carried.

Item eight d. Discussion/Action on legal correspondence received.

Trustee McLain moved to retire to executive session in conjunction with Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(1) as stated; Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(2) as stated; and Illinois Open Meeting Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(11) as stated. This was followed by a second from Trustee Schroeder.

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

Trustee McLain	-	yes
Trustee Schroeder	-	yes
President Myers	-	yes

The vote was 3 – 0 in favor, retired to executive session at 4:43 p.m.

The Board returned from executive session at 5:20 p.m.

Agenda item eight d. Discussion/Action on Legal Correspondence Received. There was no action taken.

With no further discussion and all business transacted, *Trustee Jaynes moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 p.m. This was followed by a second from Trustee Schroeder. All in favor by acclamation.*