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MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Ivers called the September 13, 2022 Board of Directors Regular meeting to order at 6:36p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

2.0 INTRODUCTORY ROLL CALL
DIRECTORS PRESENT

Pam Althoff, Director (Onsite)
Kim Becker, Treasurer (Remote)
Carolyn Campbell, Director (Onsite)
Dennis Dreher, Director (Onsite)
Ray Eisbrener, Secretary (Onsite)
Martie Gorman, Gorman (Onsite)
Jim Haisler, Director (Onsite)
Kevin Ivers, President (Onsite)

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Elise Livingston, Director
Brad Semel, Vice-President

OTHER PRESENT

Shawna Flavell, Executive Director of McHenry County Conservation Foundation (Onsite)
Carol Elkins, Administrative Support Specialist (Onsite)
Elizabeth S. Kessler, Advisor, Executive Director of McHenry County Conservation District (Onsite)
Lloyd Everard, Trustee - District Liaison (Onsite)

Director Althoff made a motion to authorize remote participation. Director Haisler seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 July 12, 2022 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Director Althoff made a motion to accept the July 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Director Dreher seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

4.2 July 12, 2022 - Executive Session Minutes

Director Haisler made a motion to accept the July 12, 2022 Executive Session Minutes. Director Althoff seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Director Althoff, yes; Treasurer Becker, yes; Secretary Eisbrener, yes; Director Gorman, yes; Director Haisler, yes; President Ivers, yes; Director Campbell and Director Dreher abstained. Motion passed with two abstentions.

5.0 OFFICER'S REPORTS

5.1 President's Report

President Ivers introduced Trustee Lloyd Everard, District Board Liaison.

5.2 Treasurer's Report

5.2a Financial Review

5.2b Current Account Activity

5.2c Motion to accept the July 2022 and August 2022 Financial Statements as presented.

Director Haisler made a motion to accept the July 2022 and August 2022 financial statements as presented. Director Dreher seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

6.0 DIRECTOR & BOARD LIASION REPORTS

6.1 McHenry County Conservation District Report: District Liaison Trustee Everard
Liaison Trustee Everard discussed updates to the Conservation District's Oak Study. The Conservation District utilized old survey markers and notes to determine the density of oaks in McHenry County and found an 88% decrease between 1840-2005. Since 2005, an additional 86 acres of oaks have been lost - an equivalent of 65 football fields. Advisor Kessler stated that Oak Study is available on the District's website.

The Conservation District will obtain an additional 50 feet of land near Coyne Station that will act as buffer land as part of an easement agreement made in 2006. A request from a snowmobile group to expand a trail onto District property was denied due to nesting eagles in area. Liaison Trustee Everard reviewed the status of the Conservation District's 3-year plan and financial audit, which passed without issue.

6.2 Board Development Committee

President Ivers mentioned three current Board members have terms expiring at the end of 2022 and that there is one open seat. Director Dreher stated he is leaning towards retiring. Director Althoff discussed continuity benefits of continuing Board members and the opportunity to identify and add an attorney with land acquisition experience. Director Gorman mentioned she enjoys the Board and the outreach. President Ivers discussed dynamic Boards, adjunct Boards, and committees.

6.3 Green Drinks: Director Gorman

Director Gorman attended the August Green Drinks on electric vehicles and the September Green Drinks on roundabouts. Green Drinks happens on the first Wednesday every month. It starts at 5pm with presentation at 6pm.

7.0 BOARD BUSINESS

7.1 Authorization to roll over or withdraw interest earnings from the Community Foundation for McHenry County endowments.

Executive Director Flavell explained that there are two different endowment funds: The principal on the Foundation designated endowment (N163) can be accessed by the Foundation, if needed. The second fund (N164) is a designated fund the Community Foundation contributed as match and

the principal cannot be withdrawn. Executive Director Flavell explained that CPA Nancy Gonsiorek suggested withdrawing interest earned from the restricted Community Foundation endowment and applying it elsewhere. Statements of activities were reviewed. Director Campbell suggested directing restricted fund interest into unrestricted fund so Foundation can access money if needed.

Director Dreher made motion to withdraw interest from the Community Foundation restricted endowment fund and move it into the unrestricted endowment fund. The unrestricted fund interest should be reinvested. Director Campbell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

8.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

8.1 Project Updates

Project Updates - Lakota restoration work continues; a contractor is herbiciding and brush clearing. The grant period ends October 31, 2022.

Executive Director Flavell gave a grant tracking update. At the Committee of the Whole meeting the night prior, the District Board of Trustees authorized submittal of a grant to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for tourism attractions for upgrades at Glacial Park. There is also a Chicago Regional Trees Initiative grant the Foundation will pursue for Big Woods.

8.2 Community Engagement

Director Flavell reviewed upcoming engagement opportunities.

Executive Director Flavell stated that the logo redesign should be completed shortly and she hopes to confirm the logo for approval before the November meeting.

Executive Director Flavell opened discussion about project funding. Further discussion will be had at the November meeting.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Director Dreher made motion to adjourn. Director Althoff seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m., at Lost Valley Visitor Center (if needed).

Respectfully submitted,



Ray Eisbrener, Secretary