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MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 11, 2021  
6:30 P.M.  
LOST VALLEY VISITORS CENTER - VIRTUAL BOARDROOM

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Ivers called the May 11, 2021 meeting of the McHenry County Conservation Foundation to order at 6:34 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

*Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act, I as Vice-President of the McHenry County Conservation Foundation have determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent at this time because of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic and Governor Pritzker's related disaster declaration. Director Althoff made the motion for the meeting to be virtual, Director Dreher seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken - Director Althoff - yes, Treasurer Becker - yes, Director Dreher - yes, Secretary Eisbrener - yes, Director Gorman - yes, and Vice-President Ivers - yes. All were in favor.*

2.0 INTRODUCTORY ROLL CALL

2.1 Roll Call

Kevin Ivers, Vice-President (Remote)  
Martie Gorman, Director (Remote)  
Ray Eisbrener, Secretary (Remote)  
Dennis Dreher, Director (Remote)  
Pamela Althoff, Director (Remote)  
Kimberly Becker, Treasurer (Remote)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Shawna Flavell, Executive Director of McHenry County Conservation Foundation (On Site)  
Elizabeth Kessler, Advisor, Executive Director of McHenry County Conservation District (Remote)  
Linda Thomas, Liaison, McHenry County Conservation District (Remote)

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Brad Semel, President

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments at this time.

#### 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.1 March 9, 2021 - Regular Meeting Minutes - Director Dreher made the motion to accept the March 9, 2021 - Regular Meeting Minutes. Director Gorman seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- 4.2 March 9, 2021 - Executive Session Minutes - Director Eisbrener made the motion to accept the March 9, 2021 - Executive Session Minutes. Director Dreher seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### 5.0 OFFICERS' REPORTS

##### 5.1 Vice-President's Report

- 5.1a Letter of Support for Openlands' Community Project Funding Request  
Vice-President Ivers thanked everyone for their support of and work on the letters of support. Director Dreher stated it was a great opportunity and another critical role the Foundation plays in partnership with others in the county.
- 5.1b District's Earth Day Event  
Vice-President Ivers and Director Gorman gave a brief overview of the event for those who were unable to attend.

##### 5.2 Treasurer's Report - Becker

###### 5.2a Financial Review

Treasurer Becker reviewed the profit and loss statements for March 2021 and April 2021. Vice-President Ivers asked for an overview of the membership dues line item. Director Flavell explained that it was now annual giving and the chart of accounts would be updated to reflect the change starting in fiscal year 2022.

###### 5.2b Current Account Activity

Treasurer Becker reviewed the Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2021. There were no questions.

#### 6.0 DIRECTOR & BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

##### 6.1 McHenry County Conservation District Report: District Liaison Thomas

The District's Fiscal Year 2022 budget was approved by the McHenry County Board. On April 20<sup>th</sup> the District's Board of Trustees did a self-evaluation with the Illinois Association of Park Districts. Vice-President Brandt's term with the District board ends in June and the spot he leaves open will be filled by Reynaldo Gaytan, Jr. Reynaldo is from Huntley and will be confirmed and appointed for the District's July meeting.

#### 7.0 BOARD BUSINESS

- 7.1 Consideration to Fund Transportation Expenses for Youth and Family Center in an Amount not to exceed \$1,200.  
Director Althoff made the motion to fund transportation expenses for Youth and Family Center in an amount not to exceed \$1,200. Director Dreher seconded. All were in favor.

#### 8.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

##### 8.1 Strategic Plan Implementation

- 8.1a FY 2021 Q3 Fundraising Progress
- 8.1b FY 2021 Q3 Budget Review
- 8.1c FY 2021 Q3 Overall Progress Review

8.2 District Project Updates

Secretary Eisbrener updated the board on a meeting that he and President Semel had with a potential donor regarding Boger Bog restoration.

8.3 Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

9.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to Exception 2C6 (Purchase or Lease of Property) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.).

Director Dreher presented the motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Exception 2C6 (Purchase or Lease of Property) of the Open Meetings Act (5ILCS 120/1 et.seq.). Secretary Eisbrener seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken - Director Althoff - yes, Treasurer Becker - yes, Director Gorman - yes, Vice-President Ivers - yes, Secretary Eisbrener - yes, and Director Dreher - yes. All were in favor. Liaison Thomas left the meeting at this time and did not return.

*Regular session adjourned to Executive Session at 7:39 p.m.*

10.0 RECONVENE - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:13 p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session and reconvened at 8:14 pm by Vice-President Ivers on the evening of May 11, 2021 via Zoom conference services.

10.1 Roll Call

Kevin Ivers, Vice-President (Remote)

Martie Gorman, Director (Remote)

Ray Eisbrener, Secretary (Remote)

Dennis Dreher, Director (Remote)

Kimberly Becker, Director (Remote)

Others Present:

Shawna Flavell, Executive Director of McHenry County Conservation Foundation (On Site)

Elizabeth Kessler, Advisor, Executive Director of McHenry County Conservation District (Remote)

*Director Althoff did not return.*

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Ivers asked if there was any other business to discuss. There being none, Treasurer Becker made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Dreher seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken - Vice-President Ivers - yes, Secretary Eisbrener - yes, Director Gorman - yes, Treasurer Becker - yes, and Director Dreher - yes. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at Lost Valley Visitor Center at 6:30 p.m. (if needed).

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ray Eisbrener, Secretary