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MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2023

1.0 CALL TO ORDER -

President Ivers called the March 14, 2023 Board of Directors Regular Meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

2.0 INTRODUCTORY ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Kevin Ivers, President (Onsite)
Ray Eisbrener, Secretary (Remote)
Kimberly Becker, Treasurer (Remote)
Dennis Dreher, Director (Onsite)
Martie Gorman, Director (Onsite)
Pamela Althoff, Director (Remote)
Elise Livingston, Director (Onsite)
Carolyn Campbell, Director (Onsite)

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Jim Haisler, Vice President

OTHERS 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)
Ed Collins, Director of Land Preservation and Natural Resources of McHenry County Conservation District (Onsite)
Val Siler, Land Administration & Preservation Manager of McHenry County Conservation District (Onsite)
Marcy Ciaccio, Interim Executive Director of The Community Foundation for McHenry County

Director Campbell made a motion to authorize remote participation. Director Livingston 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 PRESENTATION

4.1 Marcey Ciaccio, Interim Executive Director of The Community Foundation for McHenry County

Marcey Ciaccio gave an overview of The Community Foundation for McHenry County (CFMC) funds and accounts as they relate to two Foundation funds managed by the organization. Executive Director Flavell reviewed email communications had with CFMC's Finance Director regarding this topic. After discussions, Director Campbell requested clarification on how the two funds differ, which funds the Foundation has access to annually, and the fund names and terms: MCCF Designated Matching Grant Fund (N164), Agency Endowment Fund (N163). Director Althoff requested that CFMC's legal counsel review the agreements and possibly amend for any corrections or clarifications, which MCCF Board will discuss and vote to approve. Director Flavell asked for new agreements in writing for future Board and Staff members, in addition to clearing up current confusion.

Interim Executive Director Ciaccio agreed to review the agreements with CFMC's legal team and return to further discuss with the Board of Directors.

5.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Director Campbell made a motion to enter Executive Session, at 7:40 p.m. Director Dreher seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

6.0 RECONVENE - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

6.1 Roll Call - Reconvene

A roll call was taken to reconvene the regular session at 8:38 p.m.

President Kevin Ivers (Onsite)
Treasurer Kimberly Becker (Remote)
Director Dennis Dreher (Onsite)
Director Martie Gorman (Onsite)
Director Pamela Althoff (Remote)
Director Elise Livingston (Onsite)
Director Carolyn Campbell (Onsite)

Secretary Eisbrener departed the meeting at 8:40pm.

7.0 OFFICERS' REPORTS

7.1 President's Report

President Ivers highlighted an article he intended to share with Board regarding recent donor declines, donor accountability to nonprofit organizations, and living up to an organizational mission.

- 7.2 Treasurer's Report
 - 7.2a Financial Review
 - 7.2b Current Account Activity
- 7.3 Review of Current Interest Rates

Treasurer Becker gave the Treasurer's report, financial review, and reviewed interest rates. Treasurer Becker also reviewed current interest rates and proposed moving funds into higher yielding accounts. While those in attendance were in concurrence, a full board consensus is needed to move funds. Treasurer Becker suggested that consensus on these items be allowed to be made via email. The item will be placed on the May agenda for consensus.

8.0 BOARD BUSINESS - CONSENT AGENDA

- 8.1 Motion to accept the Minutes of January 10, 2023 - Regular Meeting Minutes.
- 8.2 Motion to accept the January 2023 and February 2023 Financial Statements, as presented.
- 8.3 Authorization to destroy the verbatim recordings of Executive Session meeting May 11, 2021 in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.
- 8.4 Authorization to release the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2021 to the public domain in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Director Dreher made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Campbell seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

9.0 BOARD BUSINESS

- 9.1 Consideration to support the cost of transportation to McHenry County Conservation District programs for Youth and Family Center of McHenry in an amount not to exceed \$1,600.

Director Livingston made a motion to support the cost of transportation to McHenry County Conservation District programs for Youth and Family Center of McHenry in an amount not to exceed \$1,600. Director Gorman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

10.0 BOARD DISCUSSION

- 10.1 First Review: Fiscal Year 2024 Draft Budget

Draft budget was reviewed by the Board. No suggested changes were proposed. A final draft will be presented for approval at the May meeting.

- 10.2 Discussion Regarding 501c3 Tax Status: Supporting Organization vs Public Charity

Discussion was had regarding the Foundation's tax status, with further conservation to take place at forthcoming meetings.

11.0 DIRECTOR & BOARD LIASION REPORTS

11.1 McHenry County Conservation District Report: District Liaison Everard

Liaison Everard reviewed the District's budget and the State of Illinois v. 300 West, et al. pollution issue in Marengo.

11.2 Pedal, Paddle, Saddle Planning Committee Report

The Pedal, Paddle, Saddle planning committee met on February 23.

12.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

12.1 McHenry County Conservation District Project Updates

12.2 Grant Updates

Advisor Kessler stated that Foundation Board President, Brad Semel, will be honored with the District's Conservation Champion award in April. She also noted that the District, the Foundation, and the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County are the 2023 recipient organizations for Soulful Prairie's annual Soul Jam event. Tickets go on sale June 1.

13.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Exception 2C1 (Personnel) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.)

Director Althoff made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:28 p.m. Director Livingston seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

14.0 RECONVENE - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

14.1 Roll Call

A roll call was taken to reconvene the regular session at 10:17 p.m.

President Kevin Ivers (Onsite)
Treasurer Kimberly Becker (Remote)
Director Dennis Dreher (Onsite)
Director Martie Gorman (Onsite)
Director Pamela Althoff (Remote)
Director Elise Livingston (Onsite)
Director Carolyn Campbell (Onsite)

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Director Dreher made a motion to adjourn. Director Livingston seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Ray Eisbrener, Secretary

