

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

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

**Thursday, August 2, 2012
4:30 p.m.
Zack Hickman Room
Kennekuk County Park
Danville, IL**

President Little called the August 2, 2012 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.

Roll call showed the following:

Trustees Present: Nikki A. Bogart
Dan L. Danner
Ken E. Green
Brett K. Little

Trustee(s) Absent: B. Dirk Porter

Also in attendance were Ken Konsis, Executive Director; Jamie Pasquale, Associate Director; Amy Steeples, Recording Secretary; Rick McPhee and Scott Burge, Farnsworth Group; and Gordon Thoennes, V.C.C.D.F. Chairman.

The main purpose of this meeting was to review and approve the construction documents for the Kennekuk Environmental Education Center so the bidding package could be finalized.

Item four: Adoption or Amendments to the Agenda. Trustee Danner requested Item five b. precede Item five a. The Trustee agreed.

Trustee Danner moved to move agenda item five b. Discuss / Approve Local Labor Agreement to Item five a. therefore moving item five a. to five b. This was followed by a second from Trustee Bogart. All in favor by acclamation, motion carried.

Item five a. Discuss/Approve Local Labor Agreement. President Little recognized Jim Miller, representative of Danville Building and Construction Trades.

Jim Miller stated that he was present to answer any questions that the Board or Farnsworth Group may have regarding the Project Labor Agreement (PLA).

Trustee Danner asked if the Board could set a percentage, in the PLA, of local workers to be used for the project.

Jim answered that the Board could, the contractor makes it known, and then explained how the “manning clause” works. There was extensive discussion regarding this item. The winning bid (contractor) manages his own workers and uses sub-contractors according to the labor laws. He can employ some non-local workers, but follows the procedure outlined in the manning clause.

Trustee Green suggested that wording include, “The contractor can use his people, as is practical.”

V.C.C.D. F. Chairman Gordon Thoennes commented that this could shut out non-union contractors that do follow the prevailing wage law, but cannot employ their own workers under the PLA. He is concerned about the timber-framing portion of the project.

Rick McPhee was concerned with some of the wording regarding the percentage of use of local labor in the PLA. Jim Miller responded that the document will be worked out between the contractor and architectural firm.

Discussion ensued regarding ensuring local labor usage and procuring a low bid, but not wanting to restrict our options by signing the PLA.

Trustee Green moved to approve the insertion of the Project Labor Agreement into the construction documents for the bidding package. This was followed by a second from Trustee Bogart. All in favor by acclamation, motion carried.

The Board thanked Jim Miller for his attendance.

Item five b. Questions/Approval Construction Documents for Environmental Education Center.

Executive Director Konsis stated that the Trustees had been provided with the 540 page document prior to the meeting on July 26.

Executive Director Konsis had approximately 70 points of clarification or change which he addressed with Rick McPhee and Scott Burge.

Two dates of interest were: bid opening scheduled for August 22, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at the White Oak Nature Center, Kennekuk; and March 15, 2013, set as the termination or completion date.

President Little asked about insurance coverage during the period of construction.

District insurance agent, Gordon Thoennes in the audience stated that a builder's risk insurance covers the District during construction on our equipment and materials.

Regarding the overruns and materials that can be recycled, Rick McPhee stated that, on a project of this size, the specifications do not take into account any recycling measures.

After all concerns were addressed and there were no more comments or questions regarding the construction documents, President Little asked for a motion.

Trustee Green moved to approve the Farnsworth Group, Inc. construction documents as amended, for the Kennekuk Environmental Education Center. This was followed by a second from Trustee Danner.

President Little requested a roll call vote. The results were:

Trustee Green	-	yes
Trustee Danner	-	yes
Trustee Bogart	-	yes
President Little	-	yes

The documents were therefore approved by a 4-0 vote.

With no further discussion, and all business transacted, *Trustee Danner moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m. This was followed by a second from Trustee Bogart. Meeting adjourned.*

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