

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

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

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024
4:30 p.m.
Cellular One Classroom, Education Center
Kennekuk County Park
Danville, IL 61834**

President Johnson called the April 17, 2024 Meeting of the Vermilion County Conservation District Board of Trustees to order and called for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Agenda item number three, Roll Call indicated the following:

Trustees Present: Michael P. Arbuckle
Michael H. Gast
Randy A. Johnson
Cristin O'Shaughnessy
Trustees Absent Jessica Augustson

In attendance were Executive Director Jamie Pasquale, Associate Director of Administration and Personnel Kim Fox.

Staff members present: Lara Danzl.

First order of business, agenda item number four, was the Adoption of, or Amendments to the Agenda. President Johnson asked for amendments to the agenda. Trustee Arbuckle moved to approve the April 17, 2024 agenda as presented, second from Trustee O'Shaughnessy. All in favor by acclamation, motion approved.

Item number five, Approval of the February 21, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion to approve by trustee Gast, second by trustee O'Shaughnessy. All in favor by acclamation, motion approved.

Item number six, Audience Comments. President Johnson advised that at the March meeting (no quorum) Joe Graves was present and expressed concerns about the outhouse not open at Lake Vermilion during the winter and about no railings on the Lake Vermilion docks.

Agenda item number seven, the Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report items a-c by trustee O'Shaughnessy, second by trustee Gast, Roll Call vote:

Trustee O'Shaughnessy yes
Trustee Arbuckle yes
Trustee Gast yes
President Johnson yes

April 17, 2024 Report on cash and investments given.

Agenda item eight a, approval of Tentative Budget and Appropriations Ordinance #167 for fiscal year 2024-25. Motion to approve by trustee Gast, second by trustee O'Shaughnessy. Roll Call vote:

Trustee Gast yes
Trustee O'Shaughnessy yes
Trustee Arbuckle yes

President Johnson yes

Agenda item eight b. Approval of request from Ameren Illinois for easement for existing overhead power line along the Kickapoo Rail Trail from Oakwood east. Motion to approve with compensation of \$30,570.00 by trustee Arbuckle, second by trustee O'Shaughnessy. Roll Call vote:

Trustee Arbuckle yes
Trustee O'Shaughnessy yes
Trustee Gast yes
President Johnson yes

Agenda item eight c. Approval of permanent easement to Vermilion County for riverbank stabilization near Higginsville Bridge. Motion to approve by trustee Arbuckle, second by trustee O'Shaughnessy, Roll call vote:

Trustee Arbuckle yes
Trustee O'Shaughnessy yes
Trustee Gast yes
President Johnson yes

Agenda item eight d. Approval of dedication of right of way to Vermilion County for highway right of way near Higginsville Bridge. Motion to approve by trustee O'Shaughnessy, second by trustee Gast. Roll call vote:

Trustee O'Shaughnessy yes
Trustee Gast yes
Trustee Arbuckle yes
President Johnson yes

No Executive Session

Agenda item nine. Report from the Executive Director. Director Pasquale reported on Maple Syrup Fest, update on Solar projects, Outdoor School 50th anniversary, campground shower house opening, dump truck chassis arriving, and Lake Vermilion Concession opening.

Agenda item ten. President's and Trustee's Comments. President Johnson inquired about having a campground at Kennekuk. Trustee Gast asked about additional playground equipment to be installed.

With no further discussion and all business transacted, Trustee Arbuckle moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:14 p.m., second from Trustee O'Shaughnessy. All in favor by acclamation, meeting adjourned.

Michael H. Gast
Secretary
VCCD Board of Trustees