

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

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

**Wednesday, September 18, 2024
4:30 p.m.
Education Center
Kennekuk County Park
Danville, IL 61834**

President Johnson called the September 18, 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: Jessica Augustson
 Michael H. Gast
 Todd Harris
 Randy A. Johnson
Trustee Absent: Cristin O'Shaughnessy

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

Staff members present: Cole Craft & Mike Kotcher

Agenda item number four, was the Adoption of, or Amendments to the Agenda. President Johnson asked for amendments to the agenda. Trustee Augustson moved to approve the September 18, 2024 agenda as presented, second from Trustee Gast. All in favor by acclamation, motion approved.

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

Item number six, Audience Comments. None

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

Trustee Gast yes
Trustee Harris yes
Trustee Augustson yes
President Johnson yes

September 18, 2024 Report on cash and investments given.

Agenda item number 8a Set dates for the VCCD Decennial Committee meetings. The following dates were set:

Friday September 27, 2024, 4:30 p.m. at Kennekuk County Park Education Center
Friday October 11, 2024, 4:30 p.m. at Kennekuk County Park Education Center
Wednesday October 16, 2024, 5:00 p.m. at Forest Glen Preserve Gannett Education Center

Motion to approve by Trustee Gast, second by Trustee Augustson. All in favor by acclamation, motion approved.

Agenda item 8b. Discussion of the 2024 tax levy payable in 2025. Executive Director Pasquale proposed a \$12,000 decrease in the IMRF levy, \$12,000 decrease in the Insurance Fund levy, \$12,000 decrease in the FICA Fund levy. All three funds have high cash balance and the decrease of those levy could be used to increase the corporate fund levy. The Corporate Fund levy would be increased by \$101,000. The total tax levy increases for all funds levied would be a 5% increase. Trustees agreed on the suggested tax levy. Approval of the tax levy will be on the October 16, 2024 agenda.

No Executive Session

Agenda item nine. Report from the Executive Director. Director Pasquale presented Trustees with the last 5 years of fuel reports, showing a decrease in fuel consumption especially this year with the addition of the EV's. Updates were given on Solar at Kennekuk, playgrounds, and Outdoor School. Upcoming Events are Raptor Program at Kennekuk, Wool Dying Demonstrations at Forest Glen, and Revolutionary War and Pioneer Day at Forest Glen.

Agenda item nine. President's and Trustee's Comments. President Johnson asked if the Lake Mingo Dam inspection had been completed. Director Pasquale reported it had not been completed.

With no further discussion and all business transacted, Trustee Gast moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m., second from Trustee Augustson. All in favor by acclamation, meeting adjourned.

Todd Harris
Secretary
VCCD Board of Trustees