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INSPECTION**

(Thursday, March 20 through Friday, April 25, 2025)



Vermilion County Conservation District
Budget and Appropriations Ordinance For
2025 – 2026 Fiscal Year

Ordinance No. 170

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

Legal Notice

2025--2026

Budget and Appropriations Ordinance

NOTICE is hereby given that the Tentative Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025 and ending March 31, 2026 is available for public inspection during normal business hours from Thursday, March 20, 2025 through, Friday April 25, 2025 at the Administration Building of the District located in Kennekuk County Park, 22296 Henning Rd, Danville, IL 61834. At the Forest Glen Office in Forest Glen County Preserve, 20301E. 900N Rd, Westville, IL 61883, and the VCCD website at www.vccd.org.

FURTHERMORE, NOTICE is given that a Public Hearing on Said Ordinance will be held at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, in the Environmental Education Center at Kennekuk County Park.

Todd Harris
Secretary
Board of Trustees

Vermilion County Conservation District Notice
by Publication Budget Ordinance No. 170

Division I
Corporate Fund
A.

Statement of Estimated Cash and Revenue

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Estimated Cash Balance on April 1, 2025	\$1,000,000
 <u>Revenue</u>	
Collection of the 2024 Real Estate Tax Levy	\$1,101,000
Personal Property Replacement Tax	241,575
Hotel/Motel Tax/TIF	5,000
Interest Income on Cash and Investments	30,000
Grants-In-Aid	5,000
Rental of Shelter Houses and Other Buildings	55,000
Boat License Fees	60,000
Sale of Hunting and Fishing Licenses (IDNR)	250
Sale of Merchandise at Boat Ramp and Visitor Center Concessions	350
Gasoline Sales at Boat Ramp	15,000
Program and Summer Camps	5,000
Bookstore Items for Sale at Forest Glen and Kennekuk Nature Centers	250
Special Events and Activities	7,500
Other Income	25,000
Forest Glen Campgrounds which includes the Camp Store and sale of firewood	65,000
Soft Drinks	2,500
Hunting Permits	25,000
Farming Operations	48,500
Leases	250
Donations and Contributions	5,000
Dedicated Funds which includes The Audubon Society, Pheasants Forever, Revolutionary War Reenactment, Kickapoo Rail Trail Leases, Arboretum, Illinois Public Risk Grant.	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,702,175
TOTAL ESTIMATED CASH FOR EXPENDITURES	\$2,702,175
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES DESCRIBED IN SECTION B	\$1,702,175
TOTAL ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON MARCH 31, 2026	\$1,000,000

B.

Statement of Estimated Expenditures

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Salaries and Wages</u>	
Administration	\$281,000
Education	126,000
Forest Glen	151,000
Kennekuk	172,000
Lake Vermilion	102,000
Boat Ramp	21,000
Seasonal Staff	60,000
Contractual Services	7,000
TOTAL	\$920,000
<u>Employee Benefits</u>	
Uniforms	\$5,000
Safety and First Aid Supply	2,000
Training and Education	500
TOTAL	\$7,500
<u>Administrative Expenses</u>	
Legal Services	\$2,000
Travel and Meeting Expense	750
Plaques and Memorials	250
Supplies	2,800
Postage	1,000
Printing	2,500
Legal Publications	500
Memberships	5,000
Books and Subscriptions	1,500
Rental of Equipment	4,000
Maintenance of Equipment	1,000
Maintenance Agreements/Leases	5,000
Computer Software	4,500
Website / Internet	10,000
Office Furniture or Equipment	2,000
Miscellaneous	3,000
Engineering/Surveying	2,500
Dedicated Fund Expense	100,000
TOTAL	\$148,300
<u>Promotions and Publications</u>	
Advertising	\$2,000
Newsletter	6,000
TOTAL	\$8,000

Statement of Estimated Expenditures, cont.

Education and Program Expense

Postage	\$500
Printing	1,500
Teaching Materials	1,500
Visual and Audio	1,500
Summer Camp Supplies	1,000
Exhibit Material and Supply	2,000
Memberships	100
Books and Subscriptions	50
Bookstore Merchandise for Resale	100
Supplies	2,500
Animal Food	500
Program Expense	2,500
Office Furniture or Equipment	1,500
Miscellaneous	<u>500</u>
TOTAL	\$15,750

Forest Glen Preserve

Electricity	\$25,000
Telephone	4,000
Heating Fuel	7,500
Motor Fuel	15,000
Vehicle Repairs	3,500
Equipment Repair	6,000
Hand and Power Tools	1,000
General Supplies	2,000
Janitor Supplies	5,000
Landscaping / Turf	2,000
Pesticides / Fertilizer	2,000
Building Repair	20,000
Potable / Waste Water	2,500
Roads, Trails, Bridge	3,000
Picnic and Rec. Equipment Repair	1,500
Fence and Sign Repair	3,000
Equipment Rental	300
Miscellaneous	<u>200</u>
TOTAL	\$103,500

Statement of Estimated Expenditures, cont.

Kennebunk County Park

Electricity	\$20,000
Telephone	5,000
Heating Fuel	4,000
Motor Fuel	18,000
Vehicle Repairs	4,000
Equipment Repair	7,000
Hand and Power Tools	2,000
General Supplies	1,000
Janitor Supplies	6,000
Landscaping / Turf	1,000
Pesticides / Fertilizer	1,000
Building Repair	20,000
Potable / Waste Water	1,500
Roads, Trails, Bridge	4,000
Picnic and Rec. Equipment Repair	2,500
Fence and Sign Repair	3,000
Fish Stocking	1,000
Docks and Buoys	2,000
Equipment Rental	200
Miscellaneous	300
TOTAL	\$103,500

Lake Vermilion and Heron County Parks

Electricity	\$3,500
Telephone	500
Vehicle Repairs	1,000
Equipment Repair	750
Hand and Power Tools	1,000
General Supplies	500
Janitor Supplies	1,000
Landscaping / Turf	500
Building Repair	2,000
Potable Water	500
Roads / Boat Ramp	3,000
Picnic and Rec. Equipment Repair	500
Fence and Sign Repair	500
Docks and Buoys	3,000
Rental of Equipment	250
Miscellaneous	200
TOTAL	\$18,700

Statement of Estimated Expenditures, cont.

General

Vehicle Repairs	\$2,500
Equipment Repair	8,000
Hand and Power Tools	2,000
Equipment Rental	<u>250</u>
TOTAL	\$12,750

Other

Soft Drinks	\$1,000
Concessions	500
Souvenirs	100
Other nonfood	25
Concessions – Gas and Oil	13,000
Camp Store	250
Firewood	5,000
Illinois Sales Tax	2,000
Concession Equipment Repair	3,000
Water Craft Licenses/Repairs	100
Alarm Systems	2,500
Upland Game Birds	0
Disposal and Pumping Fees	9,000
Dams / Spillways	3,000
Termite Contracts	7,500
Volunteer Programs	1,500
Other Merchandise for Resale	100
Special Events	10,000
Portable Toilet Rental	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL	\$59,575

Statement of Estimated Expenditures, cont.

Capital Improvements

Forest Glen Preserve-

Tower Repairs	\$5,000
Roads/Parking Lot Repairs/Resurface	30,000
Gate Operators	3,000
Solar	30,000
Ice Machine	5,000
Sugar Bush Repairs	10,000
Gannett Water line	2,500
Meadowlark Electrical	2,500
TOTAL	\$88,000

Kennekuk County Park-

Roads/Parking Lot Repairs/Resurface	\$30,000
Ed Center sidewalk/parking	12,000
BHHA Repairs	25,000
Field Tile Ag Fields	28,000
Maintenance Shop	25,000
TOTAL	\$120,000

Lake Vermilion County Park-

Road/Parking Lot Repairs/Resurface	\$30,000
TOTAL	\$30,000

Heron County Park-

Boardwalk Decking	15,000
TOTAL	\$15,000

General-

Boring Tool	5,000
Computers	6,000
Trailer	18,000
Drone	22,600
TOTAL	\$51,600

Division II
Insurance and Compensation Fund
A.
Statement of Estimated Cash and Revenue

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Estimated Cash Balance on April 1, 2025	\$335,000
 <u>Revenue</u>	
Collection of the 2024	
Real Estate Tax Levy	\$183,000
Corporate Personal Property	
Replacement Tax	-0-
Corporate Fund	-0-
Interest Earned on Investments	<u>8,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$191,000
Total Estimated Cash Available for Expenditures	\$526,000
Total Estimated Expenditures Described in Section B.	<u>\$260,000</u>
ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON MARCH 31, 2026	\$266,000

B.
Statement of Estimated Expenditures

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Liability Insurance	\$40,000
Unemployment Compensation	15,000
Worker Comp. Insurance	20,000
Medical Care Costs	150,000
HRA Reimbursement Expense	<u>35,000</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$260,000

Division III
 Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund
 A.
Statement of Estimated Cash and Revenue

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Estimated Cash Balance on April 1, 2025	\$190,000
 <u>Revenue</u>	
Collection of the 2024	
Real Estate Tax Levy	\$13,000
Corporate Personal	
Property Replacement Tax	3,500
Interest on Earned Investments	<u>3,500</u>
Total Revenue	\$20,000
Total Estimated Cash Available for Expenditures	\$210,000
Total Estimated Expenditures Described in Section B.	<u>\$28,000</u>
ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON MARCH 31, 2026	\$182,000

B.

Statement of Estimated Expenditures

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Contributing on Participating Employees (IMRF)	<u>\$ 28,000</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$28,000

Division IV
Audit Fund

A.

Statement of Estimated Cash and Revenue

<u>Description</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Estimated Cash Balance on April 1, 2025		\$9,000
<u>Revenue</u>		
Collection of the 2024		
Real Estate Tax Levy	\$15,000	
Corporate Personal Property		
Replacement Tax	0	
Interest on Earned Investments	<u>250</u>	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$15,250	\$15,250
Total Estimated Cash Available for Expenditures		\$24,250
Total Estimated Expenditures Described in Section B.		<u>\$20,000</u>
ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON MARCH 31, 2026		\$4,250

B.

Statement of Estimated Expenditures

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CPA Services for 2023- 2024 Fiscal Year	<u>\$20,000</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$20,000

Division V
Social Security Fund
A.
Statement of Estimated Cash and Revenue

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Estimated Cash Balance on April 1, 2025	\$115,000
 <u>Revenue</u>	
Collection of the 2024	
Real Estate Tax Levy	\$65,000
Corporate Personal	
Property Replacement Tax	-0-
Interest on Earned Investments	<u>3,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$68,000
Total Estimated Cash Available for Expenditures	\$183,000
Total Estimated Expenditures Described in Section B.	<u>\$70,000</u>
ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON MARCH 31, 2026	\$113,000

B.
Statement of Estimated Expenditures

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Contributing on Participating Employees (FICA)	\$60,000
Contributing on Non-Participating Employees (FICA)	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$70,000

Division VI
Debt Service Fund

A.

Statement of Estimated Cash and Revenue

<u>Description</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Cash Balance on April 1, 2025		\$835
<u>Revenue</u>		
Collection of the 2024		
Real Estate Tax Levy	\$-0-	
Corporate Personal		
Property Replacement Tax	122,640	
Interest on Earned Investments	<u>2,500</u>	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$125,140	\$125,140
Total Estimated Cash Available for Expenditures		\$125,975
Total Estimated Expenditures Described in Section B.		<u>\$125,975</u>
ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE ON MARCH 31, 2026		\$-0-

B.

Statement of Estimated Expenditures

<u>Description</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Bond Payment – Principle		\$115,000
Bond Payment – Interest		10,575
Bond Fee		400
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		\$125,975

Vermilion County Conservation
District Headquarters, Kennekuk County Park
Danville, Illinois

Budget Narrative FY 2025-2026

A.
Cash Balance

The estimated cash balance for March 31, 2025, Corporate Fund, is \$1,000,000. The estimation for March 31, 2026, is \$1,000,000.

The estimated cash balance for March 31, 2025 Insurance and Compensation Fund is \$335,000. The estimation for March 31, 2026, is \$266,000.

The IMRF cash balance estimation for March 31, 2025, is \$190,000. The estimated cash balance for March 31, 2026, is \$182,000.

The estimated cash balance for March 31, 2025, Audit Fund was \$9,000. The estimation for March 31, 2026, is \$4,250.

The estimated cash balance for March 31, 2025, Social Security Fund is \$115,000. The estimation for March 31, 2026, is \$113,000.

B.
IMRF

Expenditures for IMRF this year are estimated to be \$28,000. PPRT must contribute at least 14% of the projected tax levy. The 2024 levy was \$25,000; therefore, at least \$3,500 must be contributed from CPPRT.

C.
Social Security Fund

FICA expenses are estimated to be \$70,000 for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026. We have a \$115,000 estimated cash balance to begin this fiscal year

D.
Revenues

The following is a narrative on our greater sources of income:

1. Real Estate Tax Levy - \$1,101,000 (Corporate Fund)
2. PPRT - \$367,715
 \$241,575 Corporate Fund. \$3,500 IMRF Fund, 14% of tax levy. \$122,640 Debt Service Fund, this is to pay for the principal and interest payment of the 2017 bond.
3. User Fees - \$205,000.
 This includes Shelter permits, Boat license fees, Campground Fees, Hunting Permits, and other user fees.
4. Farm Income - \$48,500.

E.
Contingency Plan

The credibility of this Budget and Appropriations Ordinance is predicated on several factors beyond our control. The weather tends to factor into our camping, boating, and special events.

Sometimes we experience cost overruns, unexpected grant awards (that require matching funds), or other emergency purchases beyond our control. If that happens, it will affect our estimated cash balance for the next fiscal year. Some projects are estimated during budget planning simply because exact costs are not available. If a project grossly exceeds the estimated budget cost, the project may be canceled or postponed until the following year when accurate figures may be used. A lesser project may be completed in its place.

F.
Final Comment

Unless for some unforeseen reason, emergency expenditures, or other reasons beyond our control, these figures represent an estimate of our income and expenses to be realized in the 2025 - 2026 Fiscal Year.

Jamie Pasquale
Executive Director