

Vermilion County Conservation District

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 4:30 pm
Environmental Education Center, Kennekuk County Park
22296 Henning Rd., Danville, Illinois 61834**

President Johnson called the January 21, 2026 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
 Todd Harris
 Randy Johnson
 Jared Lowe
 Cristin O'Shaughnessy

In attendance were Executive Director Jamie Pasquale & Associate Director Kim Fox.

Staff members present: Cole Craft, Lara Danzl, and Gary Tyrl.

Agenda item number four, was the Adoption of, or Amendments to the Agenda. President Johnson asked for amendments to the agenda. No amendments to the agenda. Trustee O'Shaughnessy moved to approve the January 21, 2026 agenda as presented, second from Trustee Harris. All in favor by acclamation, motion approved.

Item number five, Approval of the November 19, 2025 Board of Trustee meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Trustee Augustson, second by Trustee O'Shaughnessy. 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 Augustson, second by Trustee O'Shaughnessy, Roll Call vote:

Trustee Augustson	yes
Trustee O'Shaughnessy	yes
Trustee Harris	yes
Trustee Lowe	yes
President Johnson	yes

November 19, 2025 Report on cash and investments given.

Agenda item number eight a, Discussion of Kickapoo Rail Trail inter-governmental agreement. Sam Ihm from Champaign County Forest Preserve District (CCFPD) was in attendance to answer any questions. Director Pasquale advised that a new IGA would be needed with CCFPD & Urbana Park District (UPD) to address truncation of sections due to construction cost exceeding remaining funds. Proposed is completing construction in Champaign County and focusing on construction from Oakwood to Fithian in Vermilion County. CCFPD would assist VCCD with applying for ITEP or other funding to complete any unconstructed sections. It was discussed that an ITEP grant would have a high probability of being approved and that it is a strong possibility that any match funds would be reduced or not required due to economically stressed area. It was pointed out by Director Pasquale that there are no guarantees of approval for ITEP and if an ITEP is received no guarantee that the normal 20% match funds will be

reduced. It is anticipated that a new IGA will be available for review and approval at the February Board of Trustee meeting.

Agenda item number eight b, Discussion of donation, lease, sale of VCCD owned property to the Village of Muncie. Director Pasquale has been contacted by Muncie Mayor Blake Wells about the Village possibly acquiring some lots that the VCCD owns adjacent to the Kickapoo Rail Trail. Mayor Wells has offered that the Village would have its attorney at the Village expense to research if such transaction is possible. After brief discussion, Director Pasquale will notify Mayor Wells to have the Muncie attorney research the possibility of a property transfer at the Village's expense.

Agenda item number eight c, Discussion of VCCD legal representation. Director Pasquale advised that there has been a lack of communication and response from the district's attorney since a meeting in July of 2025. Director Pasquale followed up with a phone call in December of 2025 and never got a response. The VCCD received a bill for items discussed in January of 2026 but has never been contacted with any updates. Director Pasquale will work to resolve the problem and update and discussion will continue at the February meeting.

Agenda item number eight d, Review and Approval to hold or release Executive Session minutes from April 18, 2018, May 8, 2018 & May 23, 2018. Motion to hold all three executive session minutes by trustee Augustson, second by Trustee O'Shaughnessy. Roll Call vote:

Trustee Augustson	yes
Trustee O'Shaughnessy	yes
Trustee Harris	yes
Trustee Lowe	yes
President Johnson	yes

No Executive Session

Agenda item nine. Report from the Executive Director. Updates were given on Kennekuk Maintenance shop construction, solar projects at Forest Glen, damage to Kennekuk Admin solar panels from wind, Horseshoe Pond playground, and Kickapoo Mountain Bike Trail expansion.

Agenda item ten. President's and Trustee's Comments. None

With no further discussion and all business transacted, Trustee O'Shaughnessy moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m., second from Trustee Augustson. All in favor by acclamation, meeting adjourned.

Todd Harris
Secretary
VCCD Board of Trustees