

Vermilion County Conservation District

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES Wednesday, July 22, 2026, 4:30 pm Environmental Education Center, Kennekuk County Park 22296 Henning Rd., Danville, Illinois 61834

President Johnson called the July 22, 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: Todd Harris
 Randy Johnson
 Jared Lowe
 Cristin O'Shaughnessy
Trustees Absent: None

In attendance were Executive Director Jamie Pasquale.

Staff members present: Cole Craft & Lara Darling.

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 Harris moved to approve the July 22, 2026 agenda as presented, second from Trustee O'Shaughnessy. All in favor by acclamation, motion approved.

Item number five, Approval of the May 20, 2026 & June 17, 2026 Board of Trustee meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Trustee O'Shaughnessy, second by Trustee Lowe. 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 Harris, second by Trustee O'Shaughnessy, Roll Call vote:

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

July 15, 2026 Report on cash and investments given.

Agenda item number eight a, Update on 2026 Balloons Over Vermilion Event. Dean Carlton Co-Chair with BOV was present. Carlton advised that event was a success except for the weather Saturday night. There were no issues with traffic flow to and from the event. Feedback has been positive about the events move to Kennekuk. BOV thanks the VCCD for being the host site. No official decision has been made but BOV will most likely want to continue future BOV's at Kennekuk.

Agenda item number eight b, Discussion/Approval of dependent health insurance coverage. Trustee Harris would like the VCCD's health insurance agency (Dimond Brothers) to assist with possible options and advice with offering dependent health care coverage. Trustee Harris also request that other insurance agents/companies be contacted. Other trustees agreed. Director Pasquale will contact Dimond Brothers.

Agenda item number 8 c. Discussion of request from the Village of Oakwood for donation of Kickapoo Rail Trail property in the village limits. Director Pasquale advised that Oakwood Interim Mayor Phillips emailed asking the VCCD to donate the KRT property within the Oakwood Village limits to the Village. The Village had requested the property about 2 years ago and the request was not followed up due to changes in the Village of Oakwood Mayor. Director Pasquale advised since he became Director in 2018 the Village of Oakwood has had at least 5 different Mayor's. Trustees requested that Mayor Phillips attend a VCCD Board of Trustee meeting to discuss the matter. Director Pasquale will contact Mayor Phillips and invite him to attend a future meeting.

Agenda item number 8 d. Review and Approve to release or hold Executive Session minutes from April 18, 2018, May 8, 2018 & May 23, 2018. Director Pasquale stated that these minutes have been held for over 8 years and that the minutes contain no personal information and no details of the settlement agreement. Director Pasquale recommended that the minutes be released. Motion to release the April 18, 2018, May 18, 2018 & May 23, 2018 by Trustee O'Shaughnessy, second by Trustee Harris, Roll Call vote:

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

Agenda item number 8 e. Election of Board of Trustee Officers. Director Pasquale stated that he is not aware of any new trustee appointment to replace Trustee Augustson,, her term expired in June. Trustee Harris made a motion to keep the current slate of officers with the exception of Jared Lowe moving to First Vice President and Second Vice President vacant. Second by Trustee O'Shaughnessy, Roll Call vote:

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

No Executive Session

Agenda item nine. Director Pasquale had previously advised the trustee that the VCCD had been awarded an IDNR Boat Access Grant. This was not correct, the VCCD was not awarded the grant. Director Pasquale read an email from the grant administrator stating that all Boat Access Grant applicants had been moved to the status of approved in the grant portal and that many agencies assumed they were approved for the grant. The email stated that approved was not the same as awarded. IDNR then removed all applicants from status of approved. Director Pasquale stated that this is typical confusion and lack of taking responsibility for making an error by the State of Illinois. The VCCD will proceed with the purchase of new docks for Lake Mingo boat ramp using funds from the current budget.

Agenda item ten. Trustee Harris stated that the VCCD staff has done a good job maintaining and improving Lake Mingo Trail.

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

With no further discussion and all business transacted, President Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m., second from Trustee O'Shaughnessy. All in favor by acclamation, meeting adjourned.

Todd Harris
Secretary
VCCD Board of Trustees