

Vermilion County Conservation District
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 4:30 pm
Environmental Education Center, Kennekuk County Park
22296 Henning Rd., Danville, Illinois 61834

President Johnson called the August 19, 2026 Meeting of the Vermilion County Conservation District Board of Trustees to order at 4:46 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
Trustees Absent: Cristin O'Shaughnessy

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

Staff members present: 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 Lowe moved to approve the August 19, 2026 agenda as presented, second from Trustee Harris. All in favor by acclamation, motion approved.

Item number five, Approval of the July 22, 2026 Board of Trustee meeting minutes. Trustee Harris advised that that the minutes did not reflect his suggestion to interview potential health insurance agents. Motion to approve corrected minutes by Trustee Lowe, second by Trustee Harris. 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 Lowe, Roll Call vote:

Trustee Harris yes
Trustee Lowe yes
President Johnson yes

August 19, 2026 Report on cash and investments given.

Agenda item number eight a, Presentation and Approval of FY 2025-2026 Audit from Crowder CPA's Ltd. Karen Crowder was in attendance to present and explain the audit results to the trustees. Trustee Harris moved to approve the FY 2025-2026 Audit report, second by Trustee Lowe. Roll Call Vote:

Todd Harris yes
Jared Lowe yes
Randy Johnson yes

Agenda item number eight b, Discussion/Approval of dependent health insurance coverage. Executive Director Pasquale provided Trustees with information from Dimond Brothers about dependent health insurance coverage. Trustee Harris expressed concerns with Dimond Brothers and would like to explore other agents. Director Pasquale suggested an insurance committee with Director Pasquale, Associate Director Fox and two trustees. After some discussion President Johnson will serve on the insurance committee with the Director and Associate Director.

Agenda item number 8 c. Discussion of 2026 Tax Levy. Director Pasquale presented information on the last 4 years of tax levy information and stated that the 2026 tax levy will be dependent upon any changes made to employee contributions to dependent health care coverage. The 2026 tax levy needs to be approved no later than the November Board of Trustee meeting.

Agenda item number 8 d. Discussion and Approval of the cash rent farm lease. Director Pasquale advised that the current farm lease ends this year and would like to extend the farm lease to the current lessor with some adjustment to the cash rent. The District has a good relationship with the current lessor and all payments have been made on time. Trustees discussed rent amounts. Trustee Harris moved to extend the current cash rent farm lease to the current lessor from 2027-2031 with a rent price of \$200 per acre for all five years, second by Trustee Lowe. All in favor by acclamation.

Agenda item number 8 e. Update on Kickapoo Rail trail property donation/lease with Village of Oakwood. Director Pasquale advised that he emailed the Mayor of Oakwood about attending a VCCD Board of Trustee meeting as requested by the trustees, the Mayor has not responded to the email.

Director Pasquale also advised that there has been no more activity with the possible donation/lease of a parcel of KRT property to the Village of Muncie. Director Pasquale presented a lease agreement between the Village of Muncie and the VCCD for the use of VCCD owned property in Muncie. Due to the age and simplicity of the lease agreement Trustee Harris suggested that a new lease agreement be drafted for future discussion and approval. Trustee Lowe and President Johnson agreed.

No Executive Session

Agenda item nine. Director Pasquale gave update on VCCD events and projects.

Agenda item ten. Trustee Harris stated that he hiked Lake Mingo trail after the recent heavy rainfall and flooding. There are a couple of bridges washed out, overall the trail is in good shape considering the amount of rain.

President Johnson advised the Higginsville bridge is now open.

With no further discussion and all business transacted, Trustee Harris moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m., second from Trustee Lowe. All in favor by acclamation, meeting adjourned.

Todd Harris
Secretary
VCCD Board of Trustees