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McHenry County – State of Illinois

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Greenwood Township Board of Trustees

Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 19th, 2011

Supervisor Barbara Klasen called the monthly meeting of the Greenwood Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Trustee Christopher Dahm, Karin Swencki, Tim Stefaniak, and Trustee Charles Beard .

Other Members Present: Supervisor Barb Klasen, Highway Commissioner Don Goad, Bookkeeper Colleen Dumais, and Clerk Kendra Rishling.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Christopher Dahm motioned and seconded by Charles Beard to approve the monthly meeting minutes as recorded for August 15th,2011. Motion carried.

Approval of Township and Road District Bills: Motion to approve the Township and Road District Bills by Charles Beard and seconded by Karin Swencki . By roll call vote, all in favor said aye. Motion Carried.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Karen Roth not present.

Audience Questions/Comments: No public present.

Old Business: None

New Business: Supervisor Barb Klasen introduced David Brandt from McHenry County Conservation District. David Brandt reviewed with the Board some of the new restoration areas to include waterways and grass lands. David also reviewed the state statutes for four different sites. This and some other areas have species of plants and shrubs that are endangered or invasive species not native to here and these areas will be restored to more natural habitats in our County. David Brandt brought some maps to show some of these new areas that are being preserved or restored. He addressed the Board and opened the floor for questions. Trustee Charles Beard asked David, "How many acres does the Conservation own that is farmland?" "1,591 acres is currently owned by the Conservation and is designated farmland," as stated by David Brandt. Question by Trustee Christopher Dahm to David was,

“Does the Conservation pay taxes on land that is still being farmed?” “Taxes are paid on the land that is rented by the farmers for agriculture,” as stated by David Brandt. Highway Commissioner Don Goad asked if the Conservation could help clean up a property by Jankowski which is owned by the Conservation that has collected garbage and tires in the creek. David states he will put Highway Commissioner Don Goad in contact with the correct persons to address this area and help clean it up. Another property that Don Goad addressed with David is near McHenry County College, that is located at the Southwest corner of Allendale and Queen Anne, and is owned by the Conservation, has poor drainage. Highway Commissioner Don Goad is concerned that the road may buckle there due to the cross culverts dumping large amounts of water in this location. David Brandt states he will talk to the correct people to look into this area and see if there is some way to work together to remedy the issue.

Charles Beard asked, “Who appraises the property before you buy?” David Brandt states, “Frank Harrison appraises the properties prior to purchase from the Conservation and the properties are appraised like any other property.” Christopher Dahm asked, “How are the Board members for the Conservation chosen?” David Brandt stated, “The members are appointed.”

David stated that they recently received a grant to buy land in Boone Creek and restore it.

Supervisor’s Report: Supervisor Barb Klasen states she has an application for the Planning and Commission Board. Supervisor Barb Klasen states she plans on having the potential Planning and Commission Board member come to meeting in October. Supervisor Barb Klasen also added that some of the Planning and Commission Board Members will come to the October meeting to communicate some of their ideas for future projects to the Greenwood Township Board.

Supervisor Barb Klasen stated a settlement was reached in the case of Tom Wyse case vs. Greenwood Township.

Supervisor Barb Klasen reminded the Board that the levy will have to be set and passed by December 2011.

Supervisor Barb Klasen stated that hopefully the Dial-a-Ride program will be started by end of October 2011.

Road Commissioner’s Report: Highway Commissioner Don Goad presented to the Board that the Jankowski Bridge decking will have to be replaced. The rebar is showing signs of stress. It will be have to be replaced in the next few years. It is approximately 175,000 to 200,00 dollars of Township funds to replace the Bridge. It will cost more in the future if the project is put off. Highway Commissioner Don Goad states he would like to go forward and get the project done so that it will cost less and keep the Bridge closed less time. Highway Commissioner Don Goad will get more information on what is needed for this project and present to the Board at future meetings.

Highway Commissioner Don Goad stated for the minutes that a new plow truck(2011 International 7400 series dual axle) will be purchased using Wonder Lake State Bank in the near future.

Highway Commissioner Don Goad is looking at purchasing a used holding tank with a spinner for 800 dollars to mix beet juice in to pretreat the roads when they are icy. Highway Commissioner Don Goad is trying to minimize the use of more harmful chemicals including chloride to treat the roads and this item will help promote this movement.

Bookkeeper's Report: Bookkeeper Colleen Dumais reviewed the financials with the Board. Bookkeeper Colleen Dumais stated that Jim Swanson was contacted and he is going to review our files and states he thinks it will be between 3 and 500 dollars a year to assist with the needs of the Townships Quick Books.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the monthly Board meeting by Tim Stefaniak and seconded by Christopher Dahm. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Kendra Rishling Township Clerk

Approved _____/_____