



Chicago Wilderness Alliance

January 13, 2023

Dear Chicago Wilderness Executive Council Members & Guests,

We look forward to seeing you next week at the January Executive Council Meeting:
Wednesday, January 18 from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85689542951>

Meeting ID: 856 8954 2951
Passcode: 184397

The Chicago Wilderness Alliance is an important force for conservation in the region and we look forward to working with all of our alliance members to continue our work to promote, preserve and restore the biodiversity of the region.

The agenda and support materials for the meeting is attached.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth S. Kessler, Chair
McHenry County Conservation District

Michelle Carr Vice-Chair
The Nature Conservancy in Illinois

Mike Glester, Treasurer
Magnolia Land Partners

Jim Anderson, Exec. Secretary
Citizens for Conservation

At Large Members of the 2023 Steering Committee

Jerry Adelman, Openlands
Mark Bouman, Field Museum
Leslie Dorworth, Illinois-Indiana Seagrass
Cathy B. Geraghty, Forest Preserves of Cook County
Ted Haffner, Climate Team Chair
Nathanael Pilla, Orbis Environmental Consulting
John Rogner, IL Department of Natural Resources
Maggie Soliz, Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District, AISWCD
David Shimberg, Riverwoods Preservation Council
Victoria Wittig, Urban Waters Federal Partnership
Laura Reilly, Chicago Wilderness Coordinator



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AGENDA

1.0 Introductions & Welcome **9:30 AM- 9:32 AM**
Elizabeth S. Kessler, Chicago Wilderness Alliance Chair
McHenry County Conservation District

2.0 Approval of Agenda **9:33 AM- 9:34 AM**
Action Requested: Motion to approve the Agenda for the Executive Council Meeting of January 18, 2023.

3.0 Recognition of Outgoing Steering Committee Members **9:34 AM- 9:35 AM**

4.0 Installation of Officers & New Steering Committee Members **9:35 AM- 9:55AM**
Elizabeth S. Kessler, Chicago Wilderness Alliance Chair

Officers

Vice-Chair - Michelle Carr, The Nature Conservancy in Illinois
Executive Secretary - Jim Anderson, Citizens for Conservation

At-Large

Mark Bouman, Field Museum
Leslie Dorworth, IL-IN Seagrant
Ted Haffner
Nathanael Pilla, Orbis Environmental Consulting

5.0 Approval of Consent Agenda **9:55 AM- 10:30 AM**
-Acceptance of Treasurer's Report for October, November, December 2022 – QTR 4 FY 2022
-Approval of Executive Council Minutes for October 19, 2022
-New Members
-Approval of Agreement with Bold Bison for 2023

Action Requested: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented for the Executive Council Meeting of January 18, 2023.



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| 6.0 | 2022 Year in Review
<i>Michelle Carr, Vice-Chair, The Nature Conservancy in Illinois</i> | 10:30 AM-10:45 AM |
| 7.0 | Congress 2022 Recap & Upcoming Field Tours
<i>Cherie Fisher, US Forest Service</i> | 10:45 AM-11:00 AM |
| 8.0 | JEDI Roadmap Audit Update
<i>Dani Abboud, Brushwood Center</i>
<i>Raquel Garcia-Alvarez, Forest Preserve Dist. of Cook County</i> | 11:00 AM-11:10 AM |
| 9.0 | 2023 Work Plan - Green Vision Initiatives Teams - Strategic Direction
<i>Brandon Hayes, Bold Bison</i> | 11:10 AM-11:15 AM |
| 10.0 | Chicago Wilderness Alliance Coordinator Report
<i>Laura Reilly, CWA Coordinator</i> | 11:15 AM-11:20 AM |
| 11.0 | Announcements | 11:28 AM-11:30 AM |
| 12.0 | Adjournment | 11:30 AM |

Next Meeting: April 19, 2023, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM