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BLACKHAWK HILLS Regional Council



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Blackhawk Hills Regional Council Holds Annual Meeting

ROCK FALLS, IL – Blackhawk Hills Regional Council held its annual meeting on May 15, 2013, at Basil Tree Ristorante in Dixon, IL. The meeting was open to the public and over 50 guests from various local governments and organizations attended. Josh Albrecht, Executive Director of Dixon Main Street, was the keynote speaker. He presented on the August 2012 two-day festival which brought Mumford & Sons to Dixon.

Two awards were given at the meeting. The Volunteer of the Year award was presented to the Savanna Historical Society for its work on the Savanna Heritage Museum and Cultural Center. The Carson DeJarnatt Economic Development Award was presented to Jason Anderson, Economic Development Director for the Greater Rochelle Economic Development Corporation (GREDCO).

Announcement of officers for the 2013-2014 fiscal year were also announced: Ron Colson - President, William Tonne - Vice President, and Glen Kuhlmer - Secretary/Treasurer.

About the Volunteer of the Year Award

This award is presented annually to the person(s) or group that has shown dedication to a project or initiative within the six-county region related to Blackhawk Hills' goals and priorities.

About the Carson DeJarnatt Economic Development Award

The Carson DeJarnatt Economic Development Award is given to a person, organization, or initiative that demonstrates commitment to regional economic development. The award's namesake, Carson DeJarnatt, joined the Blackhawk Hills Council as the Whiteside County Board representative in 1987. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Blackhawk Hills' Economic Development District in 1992. Blackhawk Hills Council created the economic development award in his honor after his passing in 1995.

About Blackhawk Hills Regional Council

Blackhawk Hills Regional Council is a not-for-profit corporation based in Rock Falls, IL, that serves Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, and Whiteside Counties in northwest Illinois. Services include community planning, development assistance, natural resources conservation and protection support, and grant writing and administration. Blackhawk Hills Regional Council is sponsored by local county boards and Soil and Water Conservation Districts and is overseen by an 18-member council, consisting of three representatives from each of the six counties.

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