February 13, 2023

Mary Edwards
30 Bayward Drive
Galena, IL 61036

Re: Official Charter for the Jo Daviess County Chapter

Dear Mary,

The Wild Ones Jo Daviess County Chapter is hereby officially recognized as a chapter of Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes. Wild Ones represents the growing body of people interested in the use of native plants in all types of environments, and in the larger issues of biodiversity and environmentalism. We hope that the members of this new chapter will enjoy learning together about their native plant heritage and sharing their knowledge with the public.

Your official charter date is February 7, 2023. We are currently generating your chapter logo files and your chapter's website is live. Your chapter officers have access to the Chapter Officer Hub section of our website where they can view Wild Ones policies, guidelines and resources and the chapter's roster containing member data. All these resources are found at members.wildones.org.

This letter and the attached 501(c)(3) certificate will serve to confirm your status as a part of the legal entity known as Wild Ones Natural Landscapers, Ltd. You will need to open a checking account for the chapter. The account should list the owner as Wild Ones Jo Davies County Chapter of Wild Ones Natural Landscapers, Ltd. The chapter president and the chapter treasurer both need to sign the bank signature card.

Prior to processing the chapter's first dues disbursement, we need a letter from the bank confirming the chapter's account information. The letter can be scanned (if it's an actual letter) or digital (an email). The letter should contain the bank's letterhead, or an email signature that includes the bank name and address. The letter should list the chapter account's co-signatories by name, the account routing number, and the account number's last four digits. Please attach the letter in a message to support@wildones.org notifying Wild Ones staff that the chapter's bank account has been set up. Soon after you will receive an email from Wild Ones bookkeeper containing a time-sensitive link to enter the chapter's account information into Corpay. Dues disbursements held in reserve will be direct deposited into the chapter's bank account through Corpay.

Enclosed please find the basic guidelines for maintaining chapter status. Chartered chapters must abide by Wild Ones chapter bylaws; the bylaws were adopted by the Jo Daviess County Chapter on February 7, 2023. Two annual reports are required from each chapter: the State of the Chapter Report (SOCR) and the End of Year Chapter Financial Report (EOYCFR). Both the reports and the submission process were revised in 2022. Please refer to the monthly chapter officer newsletter and the online Chapter Officer News for updates and deadlines. Should you have any questions about chapter operations or Wild Ones policies and procedures, please reach out to Lisa Olsen, the Wild Ones Chapter Liaison at lolsen@wildones.org or 720-248-0302. You may contact the Wild Ones National Office at 920-730-3986 or connect with the staff at support@wildones.org.

Congratulations on achieving recognition as a Wild Ones chapter! I wish you and the Jo Daviess County Chapter much success and enjoyment as you grow and fulfill Wild Ones mission.

Yours naturally,

Jennifer Ainsworth

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Executive Director

Enclosures: 501(c)(3) Certification
Chapter Board Member Guidelines
Chapter Maintenance Requirements

cc: Rita Ulrich, National Secretary
Loris Damerow, National President