



# REND LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE REND LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT HELD November 26, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District was held on Monday, November 26, 2012, at the Rend Lake Conservancy District Administration Office, 11231 Marcum Branch Road, Benton Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Keith Ward with the following in physical attendance:

**Board of Trustees:** Don Lucas, James Rippy, Jere Shaw, David Stewart, Todd Thomas, and Keith Ward; Absent: Robert Walton

**Staff:** Keith Thomason, General Manager; Larry Sanders, Legal Counsel/Treasurer; Wayne Tate, Comptroller; Leonard Killman, Water Plant Superintendent; and Robert Clodi, Executive Assistant.

**Visitors:** None

### Minutes

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by David Stewart to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 22, 2012, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

### Acceptance of Check Register

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Todd Thomas to accept the Check Register as presented, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

**General Manager's Report:** Keith Thomason discussed the October General Manager's Report and provided an Engineering update. The Board discussed the performance of the membranes. Mr. Rippy recommended management to hire an experienced operator temporarily to evaluate the membrane system. Mr. Ward expressed that we should start engineering design to build sand filters to replace the membrane system.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Jerry Shaw to approve funds not to exceed \$20,000 to verify membrane system is being operated correctly and as efficiently as possible, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

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**Change Order**

Hamilton County Water Main Project – Management reported that a coal mine in Akin, IL has been avoiding granting an easement to the District. Management recommends a change order of \$66,000 to go around the property owned by the mine.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Don Lucas to approve a change order of \$66,000 for the Hamilton County Water Main Project to relocate the alignment around the property owned by the mine, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

**Sewer Rates**

Management presented alternatives for increasing the waste water rates.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Keith Ward to direct the drafting of new waste water rates using a "conservation curve" rate structure, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

**IMRF**

Mr. Thomason reported that IMRF offers benefits for veterans and asked if the District would like to consider approving these benefits for employees. The consensus of the Board was to take no action and place it on the agenda at the next regular meeting to allow further investigation.

**Gibby's Restaurant**

Mr. Gibson addressed the Board and reported that the restaurant will not be open for breakfast during the winter unless the hotel requests. In addition, Gibby's restaurant will not offer a lunch buffet until the next golf season. Mr. Gibson presented some new events that the restaurant will be holding, such as a theatrical dinner. Mr. Gibson requested that the District assist him by providing 2 rooms for actors as long as the District has availability. Mr. Gibson requested that the Board extend his lease for the restaurant for another year.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by James Rippy to approve the extension of the lease for Gibby's restaurant for one year and to provide Mr. Gibson 2 rooms for actors as the District has availability, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

Mr. Gibson reported that an odor has developed at the restaurant and customers have made complaints.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by James Rippy to pre-approve ventilation and plumbing work to resolve the odor problem, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

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Mr. Gibson discussed the recent Health Department Inspection scores. Mr. Gibson reported that the problems have been resolved or has improved.

**Finances – Tax/Rates/Loans**

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by David Stewart to eliminate taxes used to support the Intercity Water Department, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart,

Nays: Lucas, Thomas, Ward

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion failed.

**Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce**

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Don Lucas to approve the membership dues of \$220 for the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

**Resolution 261**

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by David Stewart to approve the Resolution 261, to participate in the State Joint Purchasing Program, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

**2013 Board Meeting Dates**

The Board reviewed the proposed 2013 meeting schedule and selected May 20, 2013 as the preferred date to avoid the Memorial Day Holiday

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by David Stewart to approve the 2013 Board Meeting Dates as amended, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

**Closed Session**

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Todd Thomas to go into Closed Session at 10:53 a.m. to consider: (1) Personnel (For the Discussion of the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal); (2) Collective Negotiations (For the Discussion of Collective Negotiating Matters); (6) Sale, Purchase or Lease (For the Setting of a Price for Sale, Purchase or Lease of Property); (11) Litigation (For the Discussion of Pending, Probable or Imminent); and (21) Closed Session Minutes (For the Discussion of Closed Session Minutes), the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

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Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by James Rippy to come out of Closed Session at 11:04 a.m. the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

**Closed Session Minutes**

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Jere Shaw to approve the Closed Session Minutes of October 22, 2012 as presented, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

**Adjournment**

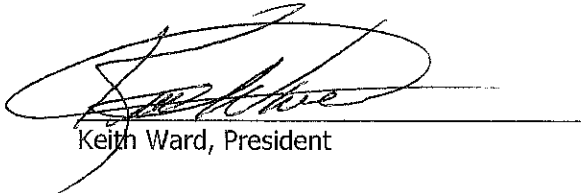
Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by James Rippy to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m., the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried



Keith Ward, President



Todd Thomas, Secretary