



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 March 25, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District was held on Monday, March 25, 2013, 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: James Rippy, Jere Shaw, David Stewart, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, and Keith Ward; Absent: Don Lucas

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

Visitors: Reanne Palmer, Morning Sentinel; Tesa Glass, Mt. Vernon Register-News; Vito Mastrangelo, Attorney at Law

Minutes

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by David Stewart to approve the minutes of the Meeting of February 25, 2013, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Jere Shaw to accept the Check Register as presented, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

General Manager's Report: Keith Thomason discussed the March General Manager's Report and provided an Engineering update. Mr. Thomason requested pre-approval to purchase a lowboy trailer at the lowest quoted price.

Lowboy Trailer

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Todd Thomas to pre-approve the purchase of a lowboy trailer at the lowest quoted price, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

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Mr. Thomason provided a summary of the analysis that was completed on the clogging of the membranes.

David Stewart left at 9:24 a.m.

Bids

Golf Course Chemicals

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Robert Walton to award the bid for the golf course chemicals to the lowest qualified bidder, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Abstain: Thomas

Absent: Lucas, Stewart

The President declared the motion carried.

David Stewart returned at 9:26 a.m.

Administration Office Water Main

Three bids were received; lowest bid was received from JM Jones in the amount of \$13,100.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Jere Shaw to award the bid for the installation of the administration office water main to the lowest qualified bidder, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

JULIE, Inc.

Mr. Thomason report that an invoice was receive from JULIE, Inc. for services in the amount of \$6,000. This payment covers the use of customers inquiring to JULIE, Inc. to locate utility lines. No action by the Board is needed for payment.

Rend Lake Bypass

Ten Bids were received; Kieffer Brothers Construction Co. was the lowest bidder in the amount of \$1,148,558

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Robert Walton to award the bid for the construction of the Rend Lake Bypass to the lowest qualified bidder, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

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Draft of Budget May 1, 2012 – April 30, 2013

The tentative budget for May 1, 2013 – April 30, 2014 was presented by Comptroller Wayne Tate. The tentative budget will be available for public inspection 15 days prior to the public hearing. The Public Hearing is scheduled at 8:25 a.m. on Monday, April 29, 2013, for the purpose of public comment on the 2013-2014 Budget of the Rend Lake Conservancy District.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Todd Thomas to approve the date and time of the Public hearing for the Tentative Budget for May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014, as presented, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Todd Thomas to approve the Tentative Budget for May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014, as presented, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Fracking

Vito Mastrangelo discussed proposed legislation and presented literature on environmental risks of fracking.

Lake Maintenance

Mr. Thomason reported that a coalition has requested our membership that lobbies on issues related to the U.S. Corp of Engineers and Water Resource Development Act. Mr. Thomason recommended that the District join the coalition's membership to gain their support in our effort to modify the State's lake maintenance agreement with the Corp. of Engineers. The cost of membership is \$3,000.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by David Stewart to approve the purchase of the Coalition of A.C.O.E. membership, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Don Lucas joined the meeting via telephone at 10:23 a.m. (due to recuperation from personal illness)

Illinois Strategies, LLC

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Don Lucas to approve the renewal of the Illinois Strategies Contract of a monthly retainer of \$2000 per month plus usual and ordinary costs and expenses, until March 31, 2014, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart,

The President declared the motion carried.

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Closed Session

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by David Stewart to go into Closed Session at 10:28 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, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Don Lucas left meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by David Stewart to come out of Closed Session at 11:35 a.m. the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Legal Services

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by James Rippy to approve the hiring of the legal service approved by legal counsel, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Todd Thomas to approve the Closed Session Minutes of February 25, 2013, as presented, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Management Salary Increase

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by James Rippy to approve a 4.0% salary increase for 2013 for Keith Thomason and Larry Sanders, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Plaque presentation to Wayne Tate

The Board recognized Wayne Tate for his dedicated service to Rend Lake Conservancy District and presented him with a plaque.

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Closed Session

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by Robert Walton to go into Closed Session at 11:37 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: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by Jere Shaw to come out of Closed Session at 11:39 a.m. the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment


Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by David Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m., the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.


Keith Ward, President


Todd Thomas, Secretary