



# 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 SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District was held on Monday, September 23, 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 Vice President David Stewart with the following in physical attendance:

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

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

**Visitors:** Chris Hottenson, Morning Sentinel

### Minutes

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Don Lucas to approve the minutes of the Meeting of August 26, 2013, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

**Don Lucas left the meeting at 8:41 a.m.**

### Acceptance of Check Register

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

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Walton

Nays: None

Absent: Ward, Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

**Don Lucas returned to the meeting at 8:43 a.m.**

**General Manager's Report:** Keith Thomason discussed the September General Manager's Report and provided an Engineering update.

### RLCD Surplus Auction

Mr. Johnston reported that the District received \$57,864.90 from the sale of the RLCD surplus.

## **September 23, 2013 (continued)**

### **Exposed Water Main**

Mrs. Sarah Towle reported that she has located an exposed water main in a stream near Valier. Mrs. Towle requested approval to protect and cover the exposed water main. The lowest quote was from Followell Construction for \$30,000.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Robert Walton to authorize management to take the appropriate action to resolve the issue with the exposed water main, not to exceed \$30,000, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

### **Accept Audit for April 30, 2013**

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Todd Thomas to accept the Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended April 30, 2013, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

### **Resolution 472 – Employee Policy Amendment**

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Jere Shaw to approve Resolution 472 – Employee Policy Amendment; the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Walton

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

Abstain: Rippy

The President declared the motion carried.

### **Revenue vs. Manpower**

Mr. Thomason reported on the revenue and manpower for the golf course and water plant. A discussion followed. No action was taken.

### **District Assets**

Mr. Shaw made a motion for management to identify and appraise all land owned by the District. A discussion ensued. Mr. Shaw withdrew his motion.

### **Emergency Connections**

Mr. David Stewart requested clarification on RLCD's policy for emergency connections. Mr. Thomason reported that RLCD pays for the 1<sup>st</sup> connection with each contracted water customer and all additional connections must be paid by the customer, which includes emergency connection. A discussion followed. No action was taken.

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**Closed Session**

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by James Rippy to go into Closed Session at 10:29 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); (8) Security (For discussion of security procedures); (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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Don Lucas to come out of Closed Session at 11:00 a.m. the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

**District Records held by Stotlar Partners LLC**

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Todd Thomas to authorize Stotlar Partners LLC to destroy all records they hold, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

**Recreation Manager**

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Don Lucas to appoint Larry Sanders as the Recreation Manager and to pay Mr. Sanders a prorated stipend of \$5,000, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Walton

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

Abstain: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

**Closed Session Minutes**

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Robert Walton to approve the Closed Session Minutes of August 26, 2013, as presented, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

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**Adjournment**

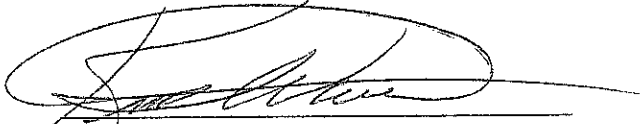
Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by David Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m., the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Rippey, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Walton

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.



Keith Ward, President



Todd Thomas, Secretary