



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 January 27, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District was held on Monday, January 27, 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: Don Lucas, James Rippy, Jere Shaw, David Stewart, Robert Walton and Keith Ward;
Absent: Todd Thomas

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

Visitors: None

Minutes

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Don Lucas to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 23, 2013, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Todd Thomas entered the meeting at 8:36 a.m.

Acceptance of Check Register

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

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

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

Mr. Thomason reported that the membranes continue to crack. Since the cold weather has moved in we have lost 11 more modules. RLCD has shutdown the membranes and are only running treated water through them as needed.

Mr. Thomason reported that the filter rehabilitation project is underway, shop drawings are approved, and construction will begin after equipment arrives.

Mr. Thomason reported that management sent letters to mayors asking for their support in RLCD's efforts to amend the Water Resources Development Act. RLCD received a bill for lake maintenance and a meeting is set with the US Army Corps of Engineers to discuss billing items. RLCD will send letters to Franklin and Jefferson Counties for support.

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Keith Ward left the meeting at 10:05 am. Vice President, David Stewart presided.

Restaurant Lease

Mr. Sanders presented the restaurant lease for Board approval. Mr. Sanders reported that the lessee has identified equipment that is in need of repair or should be replaced. The lessee has requested assistance in the amount of \$7,500 to get everything working. Management recommended crediting \$7,500 against lease payments to RLCD for equipment.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by James Rippy approving the restaurant lease and to credit against lease payments to RLCD \$7,500 for equipment, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Safety Award

Mr. Sanders presented the Board with safety award jackets and requested approval to give each eligible employee \$80 credit for merchandise at the pro shop, hotel stay, or an embroidered safety award jacket.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Todd Thomas approving eligible employees to receive a safety award of \$80 credit to the pro shop, hotel stay, or an embroidered jacket, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Recreation Loan

Michael Johnston reported that \$519,190 was paid on the golf loan with \$403,494.53 remaining.

Residuals Benchmarking/Sludge Reduction

Mr. Thomason presented to the Board a basic summary of the coagulation chemistry process. Mr. Killman presented information on different coagulant chemistries and disposal methods. Mr. Clodi presented the characteristic of RLCD's current sludge chemistry, dewatering methods, and disposal costs.

Bids

Gutter Repair – Mr. Thomason reported that the gutters on GM1 building and the WTP pole barn were damaged by ice during the January ice storm. A quote was received by Kurt Erwin to repair the gutters at a cost of \$590 for the GM1 building and \$632 for the WTP pole barn.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Todd Thomas approving the gutter repair at the GM1 building and WTP pole barn by Kurt Erwin, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

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Garage Doors – Mr. Thomason reported that Anderson Overhead Doors Company has withdrawn their bid to repair and install 8 garage doors at the General Maintenance Facility. Mr. Thomason requested approval to award the bid to the next lowest bidder, the Door Doctor.

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by Jere Shaw to award the repair and installation of 8 garage doors at the General Maintenance Facility to the Door Doctor, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Resolution 473 – Semi-Annual Closed Session Review

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Robert Walton to approve Resolution 473, resolves that the following Closed Session Minutes be made available for public inspection and that all others remain closed as the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or portions thereof: March 22, 2010; April 26, 2010; August 9, 2012; November 26, 2012; December 17, 2012; June 24, 2013; August 26, 2013; September 23, 2013; October 28, 2013, and November 25, 2013; the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Benton/West City Chamber of Commerce

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by Jere Shaw to approve the membership dues of \$250 for the Benton/West City Area Chamber of Commerce, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Wholesale Water

Mr. Johnston reported the water usage and sales to the Board. No action was taken.

IDOT Sewer Main

Mr. Thomason reported that the lift station at the IDOT rest station is in need of repairs. The District is making temporary repairs to make it operational. Mr. Thomason is investigating where to make permanent repairs to the lift station or bypass the sewer to a near by lift station. Mr. Thomason requested approval of the project to construct the bypass, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Todd Thomas approving the bypass for the IDOT rest station sewer at a cost not to exceed \$50,000, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

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Closed Session

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Jere Shaw to go into Closed Session at 11:44 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 of Property (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 Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Robert Walton to come out of Closed Session at 11:58 a.m. the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Insurance

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by James Rippy approving the payment of the Blue Cross Blue Shield invoice under protest, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Todd Thomas to approve the Closed Session Minutes of December 23, 2013, as presented, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

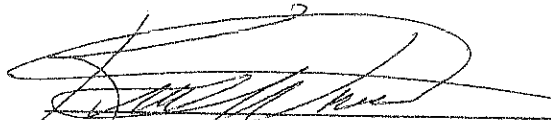
Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Jere Shaw to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 a.m., the following vote was had:


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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.


Keith Ward, President


Todd Thomas, Secretary