



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 24, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District was held on Monday, March 24, 2014, at the Rend Lake Conservancy District Administration Office, 11231 Marcum Branch Road, Benton, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 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; Michael Johnston, Comptroller; Leonard Killman, Water Superintendent; and Robert Clodi, Executive Assistant.

Visitors: None

Minutes

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by David Stewart to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 28, 2014, 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 Todd Thomas 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.

In addition to his report Mr. Thomason provided updates on the following issues:

Management has the membranes running at a minimum.

The filter rehabilitation project will start soon. The new valves are on back order.

RLCD and the State of Illinois are waiting for a detailed analysis of the maintenance costs from the US Corps of Engineers. The State expects payment from the District once the detailed analysis is received.

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Bids

Golf Course Chemicals

Management presented a breakdown of chemicals, bids, and pricing to identify the low bidders.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by James Rippy to award the bid for the golf course chemicals to the lowest qualified bidder, if the bids are equal the superintendent may use which ever supplier can most quickly provided the chemicals, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

Abstain: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Sewer Force Main

Three bids were received; lowest bid was received from Haier Plumbing in the amount of \$45,969.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Todd Thomas to award the bid to replace a sewer force main and bore under I-57 to Haier Plumbing at a cost of \$45,969, stipulating only if management can verify that Haier Plumbing is capable of doing all the work that they have been awarded, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Jere Shaw left the meeting at 9:30 am.

Auditor

Four bids were received; lowest bid was received from Kerber, Eck, and Brackel LLP at \$18,750 for the first year; \$19,000 for the second year; and \$19,250 for the third year.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by David Stewart to award the bid for auditing to Kerber, Eck, and Brackel LLP, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Stewart, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Shaw

The President declared the motion carried.

Jere Shaw returned at 9:33 am.

Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton to renew membership with the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce and pay the fee of \$220, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

Abstain: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

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Resolution 474 – State of Illinois Department of Transportation Regarding Sewer Main under I-57

Mr. Thomason reported an edit to the draft resolution in the board packet deleting the pipe size which will be determined at a later time.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by David Stewart to approve Resolution 474, regarding the sewer main under I-57 as amended, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Kevin Wilson and Rachel Pennington entered the meeting.

Regions Bank Loan

Kevin Wilson, representing Midland States Bank, presented to the Board several options to segregate the current loans held by Regions Bank for the Water, Recreation, and Sewer Departments.

Mr. Johnston reported additional financing options proposed by the State Bank of Whittington and US Bank.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Todd Thomas giving management the authority to end the current loan and banking relationship with Regions and negotiate the best possible loan and deposit combined relationship with the following parameters:

Water – 3 year amortization at 1.5% for 3 years

Sewer – 10 year amortization at 1.5% for 3 years

Season – 10 year amortization at 2.2% for 5 years

Golf – 10 year amortization at 2.2% for 5 years

The following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Kevin Wilson and Rachel Pennington left the meeting.

Farm application Opportunities

Mr. Thomason requested approval to utilize 2014-2015 fiscal years' budget to take advantage of the small window of opportunity for land application of our sludge byproduct on farm ground.

The Board expressed their desire for management to take advantage of the window of opportunity to land apply our sludge using 2014-2015 years' budget.

Golf Ball Water Tower Logo

Mr. Thomason requested approval to send out a request for bids to repaint the golf ball water tower with Rend Lake Golf Resort's logo.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by James Rippy authorizing management to send out a request for bid to change the golf ball water tower logo, 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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Golf Deep Tining

Mr. Thomason requested the Board to render a decision on deep tining this season at the golf course. A discussion ensued. A call was made to Jim Ashby, Golf Superintendent for his recommendation. The Board members expressed their opinions that the deep tining should not be directed since Mr. Ashby believed it was too wet to do so.

Oil Drilling

Mr. Thomason reported the RLCD is doing site planning for a new oil well.

Rend Lake Marketing

Mr. Thomason gave a brief update of the marketing effort of the Rend Lake Area Tourism Council and the District.

Draft of Budget May 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015

The tentative budget for May 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015 was presented by Mr. Thomason. A discussion was held.

Upon motion by David Stewart and second by Robert Walton to approve for public comment the Tentative Budget for May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015, as presented, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Capital Plan

A Capital Plan was distributed by Mr. Thomason for the Board's review. Mr. Thomason stated that he would like to add Acoustic Pipe Analysis for \$25,000 to the Plan and requested the Board to accept the Plan as amended. This Plan will be part of the budget approval during the April board meeting.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by James Rippy to approve the Capital Plan as amended, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Public Hearing for Budget

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 28, 2014, for the purpose of public comment on the 2014-2015 Budget of the Rend Lake Conservancy District.

Upon motion by David Stewart and second by James Rippy to approve the date and time of the Public hearing for the Budget for May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015, as presented, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Conflict of Interest Forms

Mr. Thomason distributed Conflict of Interest forms for Rend Lake Conservancy District to the Board.

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Closed Session

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by David Stewart to go into Closed Session at 12:14 p.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: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by David Stewart to come out of Closed Session at 1:04 p.m. the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Raises

Mr. Ward requested management to prepare a report of all the raises received by the General Manager, General Counsel, and Comptroller since their date of hiring. Mr. Ward added that the Board wants review the raises given to all the management under them as well.

Closed Session

Mr. Thomason requested the Board to make a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel compensation and performance.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Todd Thomas to go into Closed Session at 1:06 p.m. to consider: (1) Personnel (For the Discussion of the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal), 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 James Rippy to come out of Closed Session at 1:10 p.m. 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 David Stewart and second by Robert Walton to approve the Closed Session Minutes of February 28, 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.

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Adjournment

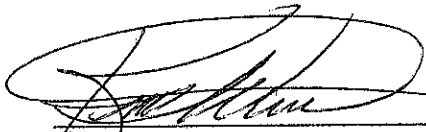
Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by David Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m., the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.



Keith Ward, President



Todd Thomas, Secretary