



# 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 May 19, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District was held on Monday, May 19, 2014, 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, Robert Walton and Keith Ward

**Staff:** Keith Thomason, General Manager; Larry Sanders, Legal Counsel/Treasurer; Michael Johnston, Comptroller; Leonard Killman, Water Superintendent; Carla Crisp, Accounts Payable Clerk; Amy Krueger, Season Lodge Manager; and Brian Laur, Golf Pro.

**Visitors:** None

Carla was recognized by the Board for her dedicated service to the District as an employee for more than 20 years. Carla will retire at the end of the month.

### Minutes

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by David Stewart to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 28, 2014, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

### Acceptance of Check Register

Upon motion by David Stewart and second by Todd Thomas 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 May General Manager's Report and provided an Engineering update.

### Recreation Report

Brian and Amy reported to the Board the status of the course and lodging. They expressed optimism and enthusiasm for an increase in revenue at the Recreation Department.

### Grant Application

Mr. Sanders discussed the PARC Recreation Grant application and asked the Board to resolve to move forward with the application. Motion was made by Jere Shaw to move forward with the application and David Stewart was the second. The following vote was had:

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

Nays: Rippy

The president declared the motion carried

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**Bid-Insertion Valve**

Ms. Towle presented the bids for insertion valves reporting that Midwest Petroleum was the low bid at \$125,000. Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Don Lucas to accept the lowest bid by Midwest Petroleum, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

**Raw Water Meter**

Mr. Thomason brought to the board a discussion to accept the lowest quote for the new raw water ABB meter from HD Supply. Motion was made by James Rippy and seconded by Robert Walton. The following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

**Election of Officers**

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Robert Walton to retain the same officers as the last term, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Thomas, Walton

Nays: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Ward

The President declared the motion failed.

A nomination by James Rippy in favor of Todd Thomas for President and David Stewart nominated Jere Shaw, Jere Shaw declined the nomination for President. There were no other nominations. A voice vote was 6 – 1 in favor of Todd Thomas. The President declared Todd Thomas as President.

A nomination by James Rippy in favor of Jere Shaw for Vice-president, who declined the nomination and Keith Ward nominated Robert Walton. There were no other nominations. A voice vote was 6-1 in favor of Robert Walton. The President declared Robert Walton as Vice-President.

A nomination by Robert Walton in favor of James Rippy for Secretary. There were no other nominations. A voice vote was unanimous for James Rippy. The President declared James Rippy as Secretary.

A nomination by Robert Walton in favor of J. Lawrence Sanders for Treasurer. There were no other nominations. A voice vote was unanimous and the President declared J. Lawrence Sanders as Treasurer.

Todd Thomas assumed the President's chair. He and the board members thanked Mr. Ward for his service as President.

**Resolution 475-Banks and signatories**

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by James Rippy a vote on naming Regions Bank, Midland States Bank, and Peoples National Bank as depositories, and provided that the officers are signatories on the accounts, was held, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

**Resolution 476-IMRF Agent**

Mr. Sanders presented to the board the need for a newly appointed IMRF agent and his suggestion was Jennifer Zinzilieta. Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Jere Shaw to appoint Jennifer, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

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**Closed Session**

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Keith Ward to go into Closed Session at 10:20 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); (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.

**Return to Open Session**

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Keith Ward to come out of Closed Session at 10:55 p.m. the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

**Annual Work Plans**

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by David Stewart a vote to have management annually present work plans to the Board of Directors for the General Manager, General Counsel, Comptroller, Lodge Manager, Golf Pro and Golf Superintendent. The following vote was had:

Ayes: Thomas, Rippy, Stewart

Nays: Lucas, Walton, Ward

Abstained: Shaw

The President declared the motion failed.

**Management Performance Guidelines**

Upon motion to accept performance guidelines for recreational managers submitted by Mr. Sanders, Keith Ward made the motion second by Don Lucas. The following vote was had:

Ayes: Thomas, Lucas, Stewart, Walton, Ward

Nays: Rippy

Abstain: Shaw

The president declared the motion carried.

**Closed Session Minutes**

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by David Stewart to approve the closed session minutes of April 28, 2014, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The president declared the motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Keith Ward to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 p.m., the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

  
Todd Thomas, President

  
James Rippy, Secretary