



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 December 22, 2014

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, December 22, 2014, at the Rend Lake Conservancy District Administration Office, 11231 Marcum Branch Road, Benton, Illinois. President Todd Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The following were in physical attendance:

Board of Trustees: Ernest Collins, Don Lucas, James Rippy, Jere Shaw, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, and Keith Ward

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

Visitors: Tate Wright, IBEW

Minutes

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Keith Ward to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 24, 2014 as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Keith Ward to approve the minutes of the Emergency Meeting of November 25, 2014 as presented. Mr. Shaw stated that he, Mr. Rippy, and Mr. Collins did not attend due to a belief that the meeting was not a properly called Emergency Meeting and that the action taken violated Roberts Rules of Order and will vote "No" even though they were not present. The Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Lucas, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: Collins, Rippy, Shaw

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Keith Ward to accept the Check Register as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

General Manager's Report: Keith Thomason discussed the December General Manager's Report and provided an Engineering update. Mr. Thomason indicated that he may not have previously provided the information needed by Board members to understand that taxes are legal. Mr. Rippy and Mr. Shaw said that they already knew that taxes are legal.

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Sarah Towle reported that the screen was removed from the intake structure and that the screen showed significant damage. Mrs. Towle could not definitively explain the cause of the damage but speculated that it could have been caused by ice or negative pressure build-up from the clogged screen. Mrs. Towle requested approval to pay \$6,800 for the removal of the screen, which was more than the original cost estimate approved by the Board.

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Todd Thomas to approve the expense to remove the intake scene for \$6,800, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Thomason reported that management through operational experience has correlated excessive cracking to the membranes filters during the winter months due to cold lake water. The flow of water through the membranes was reduced to minimize the cracking and to extend the longevity of the membrane filtration media during the winter months.

Mr. Thomason reported that a letter from IDNR was received stating that the State of Illinois wants to amend the lake maintenance contract with RLCD. Additionally, US Corps of Engineers will not accept direct payments from RLCD because its contract is with the State of Illinois. Mr. Thomason presented a letter that he proposed to send with previously approved payment to the State of Illinois.

Hauling Dry Sludge

Mr. Clodi reported that two bids were received for hauling dry sludge. The bids were based on each location. Mr. Clodi recommended awarding the bid to the lowest bidder per location and approving subsequent bids for support.

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by Ernest Collins to approving the lowest bidder per location and approving subsequent bids for support, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Exposed Water Main

Mr. Thomason reported that the District received three bids to reroute the exposed water mains. Haier Plumbing was the low bidder at \$122,214.00. Mr. Thomason recommended that the Board award the bid to Haier Plumbing contingent that it meet all the grant requirements of the Big Muddy Bypass project and also approval to move to the next lowest bidder if Haier Plumbing does not come into compliance.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Keith Ward approving the award to Haier Plumbing contingent upon it meeting all the grant requirements of the Big Muddy Bypass project and further moved for approval to accept the next lowest bidder if Haier Plumbing does not come into compliance, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Shaw left the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

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Chemical Bid

Mr. Johnston reported that RLCD received multiple bids for water treatment chemicals and recommended that the Board award the bids to the lowest qualified bidders for each chemical.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Keith Ward approving the award to the lowest qualified bidders for each chemical, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lucas, Rippy, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Shaw

The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Shaw returned to the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Administration Truck Purchase

Mr. Sanders requested approval to purchase a new truck for the Administrative Office replacing the Suburban. The State Bid list has a 2015 Ford 250 for \$22,270 with a 90-day delivery wait. He also reported that the Ford dealership in Mt. Vernon has a truck that meets the specifications required for less than \$1,000 more than the State Bid and could be delivered within a few days. A discussion ensued in regards to upgrading from an extended cab to a crew cab.

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Todd Thomas approving the purchase of a F250 crew cab from the Ford dealership in Mt. Vernon at a price up to \$26,000, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried

Rend Lake Bypass Grant Modification

Mr. Thomason reported that IEMA has requested RLCD to approve a grant modification to extend the original grant agreement deadline. The modification will also allow for reimbursement of pre-award costs.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by James Rippy approving the grant agreement modification proposed by IEMA, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried

Closed Session

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Robert Walton to go into Closed Session at 10:10 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), a discussion was held with Mr. Shaw expressing his displeasure with going into closed session as it would not keep him from discussing these items in public; the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Todd Thomas to come out of Closed Session at 10:53 a.m. the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried

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Intake Screen Repair

Mr. Thomason reported that a temporary screen has been installed to restrict large objects from getting into the intake structure and damaging the system. The original screen, that was removed, was significantly damaged. Mr. Thomason requested pre-approval to repair the screen up to \$25,000.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Todd Thomas approving the repair the screen of the intake structure up to \$25,000, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried

Personnel

Mr. Wright reported to the Board that IBEW has held in abeyance the grievance over the employee termination until completion of the legal proceedings. He also stated that the IBEW would consider options of a settlement.

After consideration of the termination hearing report, Todd Thomas moved and Ernest Collins seconded, that the Board terminate John Morthland's employment with the District, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried

Closed Session

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton to go into Closed Session at 11:02 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), a discussion was held with Mr. Shaw expressing his displeasure with going into closed session as it would not keep him from discussing these items in public; the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried

Mr. Collins left the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton to come out of Closed Session at 11:40 a.m. the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Collins

The President declared the motion carried

Emergency Meeting Action

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Don Lucas to affirm the actions taken at the Emergency Meeting held on November 25, 2014, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Lucas, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: Rippy, Shaw

Absent: Collins

The President declared the motion carried

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Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Don Lucas to approve the Closed Session Minutes of November 24, 2014 as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Collins

The President declared the motion carried

Adjournment


Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Jere Shaw to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Collins

The President declared the motion carried


Todd Thomas, President


James Rippy, Secretary