



REND LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL RESCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE REND LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT HELD March 2, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a special rescheduled meeting on Monday, March 2, 2015, 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, James Rippy, Jere Shaw, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, and Keith Ward, Absent: Don Lucas

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

Visitors: Kelsey Landis, Benton Evening News

Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Jere Shaw approving the minutes of the meeting of January 26, 2014 as amended, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

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

Mr. Shaw raised a discussion in regards to the proposed sale of Mt. Vernon's water and sewer facilities to American Water Inc. Mr. Shaw proposed that the Board discuss the possibility of purchasing Mt. Vernon's water system as well as surrounding communities. A discussion ensued, no action was taken.

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Clear Well Plate

Sarah Towle entered the meeting and presented material proposals to replace the plate that divides the clear well. Mrs. Towle reported that the carbon fiber material that was evaluated did not have NSF61 approval. Fiberglass reinforced plastic and stainless steel both have NSF61 approval. The fiberglass reinforced plastic will cost about \$6,000 and is a lighter alternative to stainless steel, but has an estimated lifespan that is less than stainless steel. The stainless steel will cost about \$12,000 and should last the life of the water plant.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Keith Ward approving the purchase of the stainless steel plate for \$12,000, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Rippey, Shaw, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Leak Detection

Mrs. Towle presented a proposal to conduct a leak detection survey of the system. The proposal is to use acoustic sensors and thermal imaging to test 15 miles of pipe each, 5 miles of testing will overlap to compare the 2 methods. The objective is to evaluate which method will provide the most accurate information in finding leaks. The acoustic sensor will cost \$25,000 and the thermal imaging will cost \$22,000.

Upon motion by James Rippey and second by Todd Thomas approving the leak detection survey for both methods, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Rippey, Shaw, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Sewer Manhole Restoration

Mrs. Towle reported that 6 bids were received to complete the sewer manhole restoration project. Low bid was received by Midwest Excavating for \$19,301.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Jere Shaw awarding the sewer manhole restoration project to Midwest Excavating for \$19,301, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Rippey, Shaw, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Professional Diving Services

Mrs. Towle presented 3 bids for professional diving services. The lowest bid was received by Great Lake Specialty Diving. Mrs. Towle cited that the Great Lake Specialty Diving bid had add-on fees which could raise the final price above other bids. Mrs. Towle recommended awarding the bid to the lowest bidder while reserving the right to move to the next bidder if additional fees are required for any project. Mr. Sanders recommended that the Board take action in regards to Resolution 275 Prevailing Wages before awarding the bid.

Resolution 275 Prevailing Wages

Mr. Thomason reported that the labor category for divers did not exist on the Franklin County Prevailing Wage publication produced by the Illinois Department of Labor. Mr. Thomason reported that in areas such as Cook County diver's prevailing wage rates closely match laborer rates for that area. Mr. Thomason reported that the proposed ordinance shall adopt the Illinois prevailing wage rates for Franklin County and establishes the diver's prevailing wage rate to be the same as the laborer rate.

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Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Keith Ward approving Resolution 275 Prevailing Wages as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Shaw, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

Abstain: Rippy

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Todd Thomas awarding the bid for diving services to the lowest bidder while reserving the right to move to the next bidder if additional fees are required for any project, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Jetter Vac-truck

Mr. Thomason reported that the low bid for the jetter vac-truck was not a qualifying bid citing that it did not meet the 2,500 psi rating. The next lowest qualifying bid was received by Aquatech for \$205,950.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Todd Thomas awarding the bid for the jetter vac-truck to the lowest qualifying bidder Aquatech for \$205,950, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Julie Locate Service

Mr. Thomason reported that the bill for Julie locate services is \$1,700 and is charged quarterly.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton approving the quarterly payment of \$1,700 for Julie locate services, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Chlorine Analyzer

Mr. Furlow requested approval to purchase a chlorine analyzer for \$5,950. He reported that the chlorine analyzer will save chemical reagent costs. Mr. Thomason reported that this will also reduce operator effort and allow more time analyzing the overall chemistry of the treated water. The estimated payback for this investment will be 5 years.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Keith Ward approving the purchase of the chlorine analyzer, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

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Magmeter

Mr. Thomason reported that Krohne has been designated as the standard for large meters for the District. Mr. Thomason recommended the purchase of 3 meters at \$14,484 to replace old meters and provide spare meters for testing purposes.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Keith Ward approving the purchase of 3 magmeters from Krohne for \$14,484, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Recreation Rates

Mr. Sanders recommended that the Lodge and golf rates remain the same except employee rates, citing employees shall pay \$5 to golf with or without a cart.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Keith Ward approving the recreational rates as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Loan Prepayment/Capital Improvements

Mr. Sanders reported estimated capital improvements for the Lodge as follows: Furniture - \$20,000, HVAC System - \$10,000, and Carpet - \$40,000.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Todd Thomas approving \$69,355 for lodge capital improvements, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Sanders reported that the golf course is in need of a new greens mower and golf carts. Mr. Thomason cautioned the Board that there is only \$300,000 in available funds to cash flow the Recreation Department through the winter months. Mr. Ward reported that the golf carts will be on their fifth year, they are not keeping a charge, and are starting to show their age. Mr. Rippy recommended transferring money from the General Fund to Recreation for the purchase of carts and a mower.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by James Rippy authorizing management to obtain bids on carts for lease vs. purchase, and gas vs. electric, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by James Rippy authorizing management to get a purchase price for a Toro Greens Mower, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

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Conflict of Interest

Mr. Thomason presented the Board with Conflict of Interest forms from Franklin County and RLCD.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by James Rippy to go into Closed Session at 11:14 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, Rippy, Shaw, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Keith Ward to come out of Closed Session at 11:59 a.m. the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Security

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Todd Thomas authorizing the General Manager to proceed with security scheduling at his discretion, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by James Rippy to approve the Closed Session Minutes of January 26, 2014 as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Thomason reported that staff is still researching the rapid mixer liner and will be reporting the results at the next Board meeting.

Adjournment

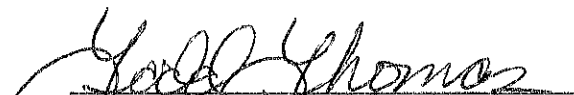
Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by James Rippy to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m., the Board voted as follows:


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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.


Todd Thomas, President


James Rippy, Secretary