



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 July 27, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, July 27, 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 attended:

Board of Trustees: In physical attendance: Ernest Collins, Don Lucas, Kisha Jackson, Todd Thomas, James Rippy, and Keith Ward. Absent: Robert Walton

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

Visitors: Robert White, Jefferson County Chairman

Recognition: Todd Thomas recognized and congratulated Kisha Jackson as a new Trustee of the Rend Lake Conservancy District.

Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by James Rippy approving the minutes of the meeting of June 22, 2015 as amended, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

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

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Bids

Backhoe

Mr. Killman reported that two bids received for the purchase of the new backhoe did not meet the bid specifications. He reported that Diamond Equipment Inc. was the lowest qualifying bid with a Case for \$89,995. The bid by Sievers Equipment Company did not qualify because it did not have the specified type of controls, a single battery, closed center hydraulics, and ground level lifting capacity and the bid by Erb Equipment did not qualify because it did not meet the ground level lifting capacity.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Todd Thomas to purchase a Case backhoe from Diamond Equipment Inc. for \$89,995, which is determined to be the lowest responsible bid, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Smoke Test

Mr. Thomason reported that six bids were received to conduct a smoke test on the sewer system. The lowest bid was from Vusu-Sewer of Missouri for \$10,120.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Don Lucas to award the bid to smoke test the sewer system to Vusu-Sewer of Missouri for \$10,120, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Ina Pump Station Upgrade

Mrs. Towle reported that three bids were received to complete the electrical upgrade to the Ina Pump Station. The lowest bid was received by Clinton Electric for \$165,935.

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Kischa Jackson to award the bid for the electrical upgrade for the Ina Pump Station to Clinton Electric for \$165,935, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Multi-Tap Service Line Correction

Mr. Thomason reported that three bids were received to complete the multi-tap service line correction project. He recommended the Board to award only the construction of the water main portion of the project contingent to the contractor's willingness to do so, citing the price of the service connections by the contractor were too high. He advised the Board that the service connections could be completed by in-house staff significantly cheaper. The lowest bid was received by Mott Excavating Inc.

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Keith Ward to award the multi-tap service line correction project as proposed by management to the lowest bidder, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

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Sludge Permit

Mr. Thomason reported that the District is required to renew the sludge disposal permit for the WTP this year. He reported that the fee to process the permit with IEPA is \$2,500 and requested authorization to make payment.

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by Keith Ward authorizing management to process the sludge disposal permit and pay the processing fee, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Recreation Parking Lots

Mr. Thomason requested approval to advertise for bid to reseal the recreation parking lots. The Board requested management to also seek bids to re-asphalt the parking lots.

Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission Appropriation

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Todd Thomas to approve the appropriation request of \$4,049.34 to the Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission, the board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Resolution 487 Annual Closed Session Minute Review

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Kisha Jackson approving Resolution 487 Annual Closed Session Minute Review as presented, the board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Resolution 488 Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Second Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust

This resolution declares that Rend Lake Conservancy District shall participate in the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund for the purpose of combining respective available investment funds so as to enhance the investment opportunities available to them and increase the investment earnings accruing to the benefit of the respective municipalities on behalf of which they act.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Kisha Jackson approving Resolution 488 Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Second Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust as presented, the board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Jackson, Lucas, Thomas, Ward

Nays: Rippy

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

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Ordinance 278 Tax Levy

Mr. Thomason presented a Tax Levy Ordinance and recommended no change in the total taxes citing that he would like to pay down the existing loans with tax receipts. A discussion ensued. Mr. Rippy expressed that he wanted to see a tax reduction of 5%. Mr. Ward agreed with Mr. Thomason and expressed the need for District infrastructure improvements.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Ernest Collins to reduce taxes by 5%, the board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Rippy

Nays: Lucas, Thomas, Ward

Abstain: Jackson

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion has failed.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Don Lucas to have no change in the amount of taxes from the previous year and to approve the tax levy Ordinance as recommended by management, the board voted as follows:

Ayes: Lucas, Jackson, Thomas, Ward

Nays: Collins, Rippy

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2015

Mr. Johnston presented the Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2015.

Recreation Projects

Mr. Sanders presented to the Board a recreation plan to increase revenues and approve the amenities offered. The plan listed multiple projects and programs that potentially could stimulate revenues. A discussion ensued. Mr. Thomason reported that management will begin work on programs/projects that do not require capital expense and will bring additional detail to the board next month.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Don Lucas authorizing management to offer incentives for large groups as presented in the plan, the board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Don Lucas to go into Closed Session at 11:05 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 Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

June 22, 2015 (continued)

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Keith Ward to come out of Closed Session at 11:50 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Don Lucas approving the Closed Session Minutes of June 22, 2015 as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Oil Wells

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Kisha Jackson authorizing management to seek judicial determination of surface damages, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Kisha Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

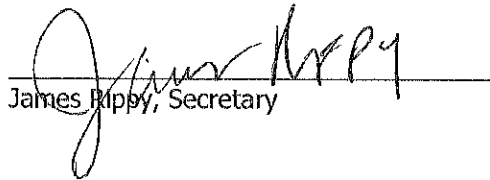
Ayes: Collins, Jackson, Lucas, Thomas, Rippy, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.


Todd Thomas, President


James Rippy, Secretary