



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 September 28, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, September 28, 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, Kisha Jackson, Don Lucas, Todd Thomas, James Rippy, Robert Walton, and Keith Ward,

Staff: Keith Thomason, General Manager; Larry Sanders, Legal Counsel/Treasurer; Michael Johnston, Comptroller; Leonard Killman, Water Superintendent; Robert Clodi, Executive Assistant; Jim Ashby, Golf Superintendent; Amy Krueger, Lodge Manager; and Tim Chrazan, Golf Pro.

Visitors: Donald Ferrell, Jelliffe, Ferrell, Doerge & Phelps (Law Firm).

Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton approving the minutes of the meeting of August 24, 2015 as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

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

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

General Manager's Report Keith Thomason presented the General Manager's report covering the following items:

- The Annual Arts and Wine Festival that was held on September 26th and 27th was successful,
 - a Jefferson County sent a letter requesting RLCD's support for their proposal to build a new marina near Ina,
- A possible federal government shutdown may cause layoffs and campground closures by ACOE. RLCD has offered to accommodate campers that are affected by the potential shutdown,
- A letter was presented to the Board from Glenn Clarida apologizing for any misunderstanding of his actions at the prior meeting, and
- Management is working on an outreach program to educate students and communities about water conservation and treatment.

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Financial Report

Mr. Johnston presented the financial report for the month of August.

Mr. Rippy asked for an update on the leak detection project and expressed that Mt. Vernon is interested in the technology. Mr. Thomason reported that the thermal and acoustic leak detection project has experienced delays due the following reasons: Delivery of the jetter/vac truck, snow that restricted access to easements and its adverse effect on thermal imaging, and the wet summer that restricted access. He added that the jetter/vac truck has arrived and staff is preparing the holes for the acoustic testing. Mr. Rippy asked for an update on this project to be on next month's agenda.

Engineering Projects Update

In Beth Ponce's absence, Mr. Thomason presented the engineering report covering the status of the following projects:

- Middle Fork Big Muddy Bypass
- Exposed Water Main Repairs
- Rapid mix Bypass
- Expansion Joint Replacement at RL College Tower
- Clarifier Freeze Protection
- Acoustic/Thermal Leak Detection
- Smoke Testing

Water and Sewer Update

Mr. Killman provided an update on the following items:

- Water Treatment Plant daily average flow and peak daily flow
- Taste and odor issues
- Purchase of valves for inventory
- Maintenance of distribution pumps

Golf Maintenance Update

Jim Ashby provided a status update on the following items:

- Sandpro motors
- Irrigation Boxes
- #10 Bunker

Lodge Update

Amy Krueger provided a status update on the following items:

- Lodge revenue and expenses
- New carpet bid
- Projects status — crack in the pool, pool building, jacuzzi building, deck, and fencing

Pro Shop Update

Tim Chrazan provided a status update on the following items:

- a Golf revenue and expenses
- Staff training
- Streamlining communications between departments
- Development of operational and physical needs for golf operations as well as a comprehensive plan

Mr. Thomas expressed his appreciation for the recreation managers who resolved a scheduling issue between two large golf groups. Mr. Thomason presented a letter from one of the parties that described the scheduling conflict and requested a solution to be made by the District board.

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Lobbyist Services

Mr. Thomason reported that he has been contacted by a lobbyist firm. He asked if the Board would Like to pursue services from a lobbyist firm again. Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Rippy stated that they were against lobbyist activities. Other Board members expressed interest and asked management to invite the lobbyist firm to present to the Board.

Bids

Valve Inventory

Mr. Thomason reported that three bids were received for the purchase of multiple valves. The lowest bid was received by Schulte Supply for \$29,228. Mrs. Jackson asked to review the bid forms and to have an opportunity to review all future bids. Mr. Lucas proposed to spend money we are holding in the bank that is collecting low interest and purchase additional supplies now and avoid the cost of inflation on those supplies, citing the inflation rate is higher than the interest we are receiving. A discussion ensued.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Don Lucas to approve the low bid for the purchase of the various valves from Schulte Supply for \$29,228, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Rippy

The President declared the motion carried.

Christopher Water Meter

Mr. Thomason presented the price for the purchase of a Krohn meter for \$3,203, which is the District's standardized brand for meters. Mrs, Jackson asked why the District has standardized on Krohn for meters. Mr. Thomason stated that Krohn has been selected as the standardized brand by the District based on its accuracy and quality. He added that the District has purchased and used other brands before standardizing on Krohn.

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Todd Thomas approving the purchase of the Krohn meter for the Christopher meter station for \$3,203, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Parking Lots

Mr. Thomason reported that the District received one bid for sealing and striping the parking lots throughout the District and no bids were received to asphalt the parking lots. Mr. Thomason reported that E.T. Simmons did provide an estimate for \$249,000 to re-asphalt the parking lots. Mr. Thomason recommended that the Board approve the sealing bid, Mr. Rippy asked which department would pay for the sealing and striping, citing that he would not vote to use water money to pay for recreation parking lots. Mr. Sanders explained that management was not asking for approval to seal and stripe the parking lots but only to approve the bid. He asked that the Board provide the direction of how to pay for the work as a separate motion. Mr. Lucas stated that he did not see any issue with using other district funds to pay for the parking lots, including water funds.

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Robert Walton approving the bid for sealing and striping as well as authorizing management to decide how the District will pay for it. Mr. Thomason, during the discussion on the motion stated that he would use recreation funds for the recreation department sealing and striping. The Board voted as follows:

Ayes; Lucas, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: Collins, Jackson, Rippy

The President declared the motion carried.

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IDNR Lake Maintenance Contract

Mr. Thomason reported that IDNR would like to modify their contract with RLCD to require RLCD to pay lake maintenance fees directly to IDNR. After further discussion regarding the background of lake maintenance billing issues, Board members advised that management should negotiate with IDNR and return to the Board with a recommendation. The Board took no action,

West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Thomason presented a request from West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce for a \$250 membership fee.

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Ernest Collins to approve the membership fee for West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce, the Board voted as follows;

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

Nays: **None**

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Kisha Jackson to go into Closed Session at 10:02 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); the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: **None**

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Keith Ward to come out of Closed Session at 12:08 p.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: **None**

The President declared the motion carried.

Legal Issues

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Todd Thomas to pay the IPARK deductible and seek reimbursement for the defense of the Clark lawsuit, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: **Collins**

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Keith Ward to approve an increase in budget for Donald Ferrell for legal services in the Sesser case, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: **None**

The President declared the motion carried.

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Mr. Sanders requested authorization to offer Rend Lake College women's golf team an annual pass with restrictions for \$2,500. He reported that both the men's and women's teams previously claimed Rend Lake Golf Course as their home course, but moved on years ago.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Keith Ward approving an annual pass as recommended by Mr. Sanders, for the Rend Lake College Women's golf team for \$2,500, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

IMRF Long Term Care

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton authorizing the District to offer voluntary coverage for long-term care through IMRF to be paid by the employee, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Rippy

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 the meeting of August 24, 2015 as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried,

Audit Issues

Upon motion by Kisha Jackson and second by James Rippy to seek the Auditor General to conduct an additional follow-up audit, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Jackson, Rippy, Walton

Nays: Lucas, Thomas, Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

Ordinance 279 to Combine Facilities

Upon motion by Kisha Jackson and second by Keith Ward to approve Ordinance 279 to combine all facilities of the District in accordance with Section 11(3) of the River Conservancy Districts Act as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Jackson, Lucas, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: Collins, Rippy

The President declared the motion carried.

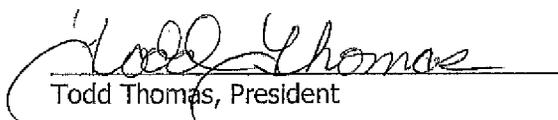
Adjournment

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Kisha Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 12:16 p.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.


Todd Thomas, President

James Rippy, Secretary