



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 June 27, 2016

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, June 27, 2016, at the Rend Lake Conservancy District Administration Office, 11231 Marcum Branch Road, Benton, Illinois. President Todd Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. The following attended:

Board of Trustees: In physical attendance: Ernest Collins, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, and Keith Ward; In physical attendance but late to the meeting due to an accident on the highway: Kisha Jackson, James Rippy; By phone: Don Lucas

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

Visitors: None

Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Don Lucas approving the minutes of May 23, 2016 as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lucas, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson, Rippy

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

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

Ayes: Collins, Lucas, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson, Rippy

The President declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Rippy joined the meeting at 8:45

General Manager's Report:

Mr. Thomason presented the General Manager's report covering the following items:

- Daily Average and Maximum Flows for drinking water
- Summer easement clearing
- Bi-product recycling
- Safety

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Financial Report

Mr. Johnston presented the financial report for the month of May. He also reported that the State owed the District \$738,419, but noted a recent payment of about \$100,000 from the prison.

Engineering Projects

Mr. Thomason provided an update on the following engineering projects:

Big Muddy Middle Fork Bypass and Rapid Mix

Mr. Thomason reported that both projects are wrapping up. He noted that the Rapid Mix project still had some brick and mortar repair to be completed.

Up-Coming Engineering Projects

Mr. Thomason reported that the Du Quoin swamp water main project has been designed and bids have been received. Additionally, he reported that a redundant water main will be designed this summer to extend from the water plant, under I-57, and tie back into the distribution system.

Leak Detection Presentation

Mrs. Towle presented a brief summary of the results of the leak detection project. A handout of the report was provided.

Bids and Purchasing

Du Quoin Swamp Project

Mr. Thomason reported that the Du Quoin swamp project is a duplicate water main that will pass through the swamp. He noted that the swamp cannot be bypassed because it is too large. The District received four bids for the project. Midwest Petroleum was the lowest bid at \$339,520. A discussion ensued regarding the large differences in bids. Mrs. Towle reported that she had contacted Midwest Petroleum and verified that they can complete the project at the bid amount. Mr. Thomason reported that the bid had an alternate option to install fused PVC pipe under the swamp. The total cost of the project if done with fused PVC pipe would be \$341,770.

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Keith Ward approving Midwest Petroleum's bid of \$341,770 to construct the Du Quoin swamp water main project with fused PVC under the swamp, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Lucas, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: Jackson, Collins

Abstain: Rippy

The President declared the motion carried.

Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2016

Mr. Johnston presented the Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2016.

Ordinance 282 Prevailing Wage

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Todd Thomas to adopt Ordinance 282 Prevailing Wage, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Bid Process

Mr. Rippy reported that he had contacted the golf course chemical bidders and was told that manufacturers did not allow bidders to change prices on some chemicals. Mr. Thomason indicated that manufacturer set prices cannot be changed by bidders as previously stated by both the General Manager and Board President. Mr. Rippy indicated that he believed that the District would save money if the District awarded the bid for all chemicals to a single supplier even though some of the chemicals would

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cost more. Mr. Thomason stated that Mr. Rippy was incorrect and that buying each chemical at the lowest cost results in the lowest cost to the District.

Mr. Rippy motioned to award the golf course chemicals as a group.

Mr. Lucas motioned not to change the bidding process.

A discussion ensued regarding how to bid golf course chemicals.

Mr. Rippy and Mr. Lucas both withdraw their motions. No further action was taken.

Larry Foster Boulevard Repair

Mr. Thomason reported Larry Foster Boulevard is starting to show major cracks and potholes from heavy traffic from the water plant. He reported the County owns the road and recommended to share in the cost to repair the road. Specifically, he recommended that the District offer to pay for the materials if the county highway department will provide the labor and equipment. Mr. Ward noted that he would discuss the offer with the County Chairman and Highway Engineer.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Todd Thomas authorizing the District to pay the cost of materials for the repair of Larry Foster Boulevard, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: Jackson

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Todd Thomas to go into Closed Session at 10:07 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, Rippy, 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 10:56 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Kisha Jackson to approve the closed session minutes of May 23, 2016, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

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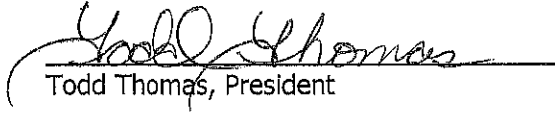
Adjournment

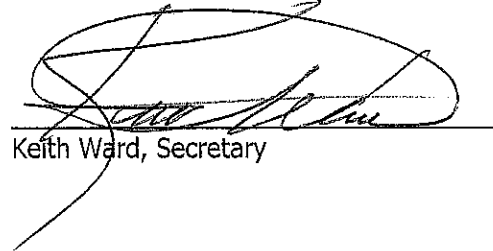
Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Kisha Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.


Todd Thomas, President


Keith Ward, Secretary