



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 August 22, 2016

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, August 22, 2016, at the Rend Lake Conservancy District Administration Office, 11231 Marcum Branch Road, Benton, Illinois. President Todd Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The following attended:

Board of Trustees: In physical attendance: Ernest Collins, Nicholas LeMay, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, and Keith Ward; By phone: Kisha Jackson; Absent: Don Lucas

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

Visitors: None

Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton approving the minutes of July 25, 2016 as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson, Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

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

Ayes: Collins, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson, Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Kisha Jackson joined the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

General Manager's Report:

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

- Daily Average and Maximum Flows for drinking water
- Clarifier Drive
- Summer Easement Clearing
- Taste and Odor
- Chlorite Issues, Lake Testing, Interference Issues
- Aux. Engine Ina Pump Station Repair
- WTF Emergency Cooling Unit Repair
- Residential Meter Radio
- Golf Course Conditions
- Lodge Revenues
- Lodge Electric Bill

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- New Oil Well
- Safety

Recreation Report

Mr. Sanders presented the recreational report on the following issues:

- Gazelle's request to negotiate a solution for oil well drilling.
- Farming Lease Crop Share
- Restaurant Lessee Update
- Apartments/Dorms
- Shooting Complex Lead Recovery Revenue and Tree Removal
 - Mr. Thomason mentioned a monthly feedback report will be issued to the lessee to encourage improvements and cleanliness.

Financial Report

Mr. Johnston presented the financial report for the month of July. He reported that the State has made a \$130,000 payment towards sewer services owed by the prison.

Engineering Projects

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

Big Muddy Project

Mr. Thomason reported the Big Muddy Project is on hold due to wet weather and suggested that the project may get delayed until next year.

Johnston City Pump Station Upgrade

Mr. Thomason reported that the Johnston City pump station upgrade is out for bid.

Secondary Primary Water Main

Mr. Thomason reported that the District is currently preparing a grant application and preliminary design is in progress.

Mr. Ward asked if a grant program would award funding to repair all water infrastructure issues of the District and its municipal customers if the District championed the application. Mr. Thomason suggested that a federal stimulus program may potentially support a project of that magnitude. He added that current granting programs have a funding cap for all grant requests and noted that it would minimize how much the District would receive to complete its own project.

Bid and Purchases

Water Treatment Chemical Bid

Mr. Thomason reported that the low bid supplier for carbon no longer can provide the District with carbon. Mr. Thomason requested that the Board approve the second low bidder, Standard Purification at \$1,558 per ton.

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by Ernest Collins approving the bid from Standard Purification for carbon, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

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Clarifier Gear Box

Mr. Thomason reported that three companies were solicited for the repair of the clarifier gear box. The only company to respond was West Tech Engineering. West Tech Engineering's bid was \$10,684.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton approving the bid from West Tech Engineering for \$10,684, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Scanner/Plotter

Mrs. Towle requested to purchase a new plotter/scanner for the engineering department. She presented 3 quotes and explained that if the District traded in the existing plotter American would be the lowest quoted price at \$5,825. If the District chose not to trade-in the existing plotter then Paducah Blue Print would be the lowest quoted price at \$6,700.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Keith Ward approving the purchase of the plotter/scanner from American at \$5,825, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Mower

Mr. Thomason reported that bids were received for a new mower but would like to discuss them with the manager before presenting them.

Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission Appropriation

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay 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, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Greenwood Creek Nation Water District

Mr. Thomason presented the proposed Greenwood Creek Nation Water District Contract. He noted that the Water District has requested an additional tap.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Todd Thomas approving the contract with Greenwood Creek Nation Water District as presented, the board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

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Property Tax Waiver

Mr. Thomason reported that the City of Sesser has acquired property with past due taxes. The City has requested that RLCD waive the taxes owed to the District on the property. A discussion ensued on the legality of collecting the property tax.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Todd Thomas to waive the property taxes owed to RLCD in the amount requested on the property that was acquired by the City of Sesser, the board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: Jackson

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Keith Ward to go into Closed Session at 9:30 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, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Kischa Jackson left the meeting.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton to come out of Closed Session at 11:17 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson, Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton to approve the closed session minutes of July 25, 2016, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson, Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Personnel

Mr. Thomason presented options for the hiring of the new golf superintendent. Mr. Thomason explained that if the District waits to hire the new golf superintendent until next season we may lose the candidate to another organization. He reported that the recreation fund had \$176,200 remaining for the fiscal year and is projected to be cash positive at the end of the year in the amount of \$16,900. A discussion was held in regards to changing the recreation loan repayment schedule to afford the hiring of the new superintendent this season.

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Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Todd Thomas authorizing the modification of the recreation department's principal loan to a 20 year repayment schedule until April 30th, 2017 (end of fiscal year 2016-2017), at which time it will revert back to a 10 year repayment schedule, the board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson, Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Mower

Mr. Thomason presented the bids for the purchase of a new mower. The mower bids were higher than anticipated due to the District's requirement for a diesel engine. He expressed that he would like more time to evaluate the bid specifications and prices for an alternative engine to try to reduce the cost of the mowers. Mr. LeMay recommended to table this item until the next meeting. All members of the Board agreed.

Adjournment


Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

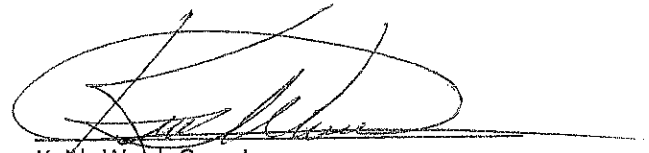
Ayes: Collins, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson, Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.


Todd Thomas, President


Keith Ward, Secretary