



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 October 24, 2016

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, October 24, 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, Kischa Jackson, Nicholas LeMay, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, and Keith Ward; 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 Jim Ashby, Golf Superintendent.

Visitors: None

Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay approving the minutes of September 26, 2016 as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

Mr. Collins asked a question regarding the purchase of unleaded fuel and asked to see the bid documents. Management discussed the bid award and ways to improve the bid award clarity in the future.

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

Ayes: LeMay, Lucas, Walton, Thomas, Ward

Nays: Collins

Abstain: Jackson

The President declared the motion carried.

General Manager's Report:

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

- Daily Average and Maximum Flows of Drinking Water
- Chemical Feed Issues
- Taste and Odor
- Public Relation Events
- Water Main Breaks
- Easement Clearing
- Lime Build-up in Filters
- A Letter of Appreciation from Greater Egypt
- Golf Revenues
- Golf Course Conditions

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- End of the Year District-wide Facility Inspections
- Lodge Revenues
- Safety Report

Financial Report

Mr. Johnston presented the financial report for the month of September. He noted that the prison owes the District \$443,915.60 and Game Farm is one month behind. He reported that all other State facilities are current on their bills.

Lease Inspection

Mr. Sanders discussed the monthly inspection of the restaurant, farms, shooting complex, apartments, and oil drilling.

Engineering Projects

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

Rapid Mix

Mr. Thomason reported that the new pipe elbow has been installed and the project is now complete.

Johnston City Pump Station Upgrade

Mr. Thomason reported that the contractor is preparing to start the Johnston City pump station electrical upgrade project.

Du Quoin Project

Mr. Thomason reported that if the dry weather conditions continues to holdout the contractor is optimistic that he will be able to start the project soon.

Chlorine Dioxide Building

Mr. Thomason reported that the District is designing a new building to replace the temporary chlorine dioxide structure.

Bid and Purchases

Condominium Electric Service Installation

Mr. Thomason explained that the District has been tracking the electrical cost for the condominium for several years. The District has determined the cost savings to convert the condominiums to a commercial meter, has reach a point that makes financial sense.

Mr. Thomason reported that the District received three bids to convert the condominiums from residential meters to a commercial meter. The lowest bid was from All Electric Services Inc. for \$14,630. The bid that was submitted by All Electric Service was cited by the bidder to be an estimate and not a firm price. F. W. Electric was the second lowest bidder which provided a firm bid price of \$16,775. Mr. Thomason recommended awarding the bid to the lowest qualifying bidder and noted that an estimate would be rejected. He explained that he would call All Electric Services and offer them an opportunity to commit to the firm price bid. If they decline, the project will be offered to the next lowest qualifying bidder, F. W. Electric.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay authorizing management to award the condo electric service installation to the lowest qualified bidder, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

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Dry Sludge Hauling

Mr. Thomason reported that all of the current bidders approved as dry sludge haulers have declined to haul sludge for the District at the old bid prices. Mr. Thomason explained that storage capacity is limited and requested emergency approval to use other haulers that will match the lowest bid price. In addition, Mr. Clodi added that a mine operator is willing to cover any additional hauling costs that exceed the lowest bid. Mr. Thomason explained that the District is currently rebidding the service to establish a new broader base of hauling contractors.

Upon motion by Kisha Jackson and second by Keith Ward approving the emergency use of other haulers that are willing to match or be subsidized by the mine operator to meet the lowest bid price, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Billboard Lease

Mr. Thomason presented the Corps of Engineers' lease proposal for the large billboard located on I-57 north of exist 77. Mr. Thomas mention that the large billboard looks terrible with missing panels and asked if the District would take down the rest of the panels as we wait for the contractor to repair it.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton approving the lease from the Corps of Engineers for the large billboard on I-57, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Rend Lake Bypass Dedication

Mr. Thomason reported that the District held a dedication event for the completion of the Rend Lake Bypass Project. He reported that about 100 people attended the event including the Director of IEMA, James Joseph; Senator, Gary Forby; Representative, Teri Bryant, Mt. Vernon City Manager, Mary Ellen Bechtel; as well as three of the District's Board Members.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Kisha Jackson to go into Closed Session at 9:48 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, Lucas, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Don Lucas left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay to come out of Closed Session at 10:20 a.m., 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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Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Kisha Jackson to approve the closed session minutes of September 26, 2016, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Thomason stated that the Board plays an important role in keeping District employees safe by adopting policies and approving purchases of safety equipment and gear. To recognize their role in the safety program, Mr. Thomason stated that the Districts extra safety award jackets would be used for Board member awards.

Adjournment

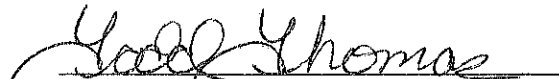
Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Kisha Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m., the Board voted as follows:


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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.


Todd Thomas, President


Keith Ward, Secretary