



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 November 21, 2016

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, November 21, 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, Kisha Jackson, Nicholas LeMay, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, and Keith Ward; Absent: Don Lucas

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

Visitors: David Severin, State Representative-Elect; and Lane Miller, Farm Lessee

State Representative-Elect Severin was introduced by Keith Thomason. Mr. Severin provide a brief summary of his background and discussed the purpose of his candidacy for State Representative. Mr. Thomason expressed interest in working with Mr. Severin regarding matters with the State.

Mr. Miller expressed appreciation for the opportunity to farm the District property. In addition, he shared some concerns regarding the farming practices of current and previous farm lessees.

Kisha Jackson requested that the Board open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board, staff and visitors stood at attention and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Kisha Jackson approving the minutes of October 24, 2016 as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

General Manager's Report:

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

- IEPA water requirements continue to be met
- Daily average and maximum flows of drinking water
- Clarifier emergency repair

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- High service pump repair
- One of the Mt. Vernon pumps has an electrical issue and is down
- Sand filter media replacement project
- Easement clearing
- Recreational Department is winding down for the winter season
- Reappointment of permanent recreational employees
- Replacement of the Pro Shop point of sales program
- Golf course restroom repair
- Lodge revenues
- Long term leasing of condos
- Room repairs at the Lodge
- No accidents or safety issues to report

Financial Report

Mr. Johnston presented the financial report for the month of October. He noted that the prison owes the District \$491,989 and all other State facilities are within a month or two on their bills.

Lease Inspection

Mr. Sanders presented the monthly inspection report for the restaurant, farms, shooting complex, apartments, and oil field operation. Mr. Sanders discussed the following key point on each facility.

Apartments – The agreement with Rend Lake College allows for additional apartments if the college had interest to expand the facility.

Restaurant – The restaurant is closed for the season and the lessee is evaluating his option to continue on with the District.

Cabin and Campers – The District continues to improve the website and google optimization. The cabin was rented out for the hunting weekend. Lighting has improved but the entrance at State Route 154 needs lighting.

Shooting Complex – Repairs have been made to pavilion roofs and ground clearing continues. The District had received complaints that the lessee has been running off hunters from the public hunting area. The District has met with the lessee and has resolved the problem by marking the boundary of the shooting complex with purple markings.

Farms – One farmer is behind on his lease payment to the District. It was reported that the District received \$150 per acre for the crop share leases and \$53 per acre on cash leases.

Oil Field Operations – The District has determined the oil fields have taken 10 acres out of use from the District.

Engineering Projects

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

Johnston City Pump Station Upgrade

Mr. Thomason reported that the contractor is mobilizing material and equipment.

Du Quoin Project

Mr. Thomason reported that the contractor was asked to start the project as soon as the weather allows.

Second Water Discharge Pipe from Treatment Plant

Mr. Thomason reported that the District is preparing a grant application for the project.

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Bid and Purchases

Water Treatment Plant Chemicals

Mr. Thomason presented the bids for the purchase of water treatment chemicals and reported that carbon testing will be performed prior to awarding the carbon bid. Polymer purchases are conditional upon proper coagulation of the raw water at the plant. A discussion was held regarding a mistake made on a bid form. The Board expressed that the chemical bidders will not be allowed to correct the bids to alleviate mistakes.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay to award the chemical bids to the low bidder for each chemical except carbon, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Fuel Bid

Mr. Johnston presented the fuel bids and recommended awarding the bids for the purchase of fuel from November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2017 to the following low bidders:

- Wabash Valley Service Co. for 500 gallons of unleaded gasoline at the firm bid price of \$1.9789 per gallon, 3,500 gallons of ethanol at the firm bid price of \$1.671 per gallon, and 500 gallons of #2 LS clear diesel at the firm price of \$1.721 per gallon; and to
- SynEnergy for 2,000 gallons of #2 LS dyed diesel at the firm bid price of \$1.6767 per gallon, all additional purchases of unleaded gasoline for the cost + bid of \$0.0775 above the OPIS price, all additional purchases of ethanol for cost + bid of \$0.0825 above the OPIS price, all additional purchases of #2 LS clear diesel for cost + bid of \$0.0825 above the OPIS price, and all additional purchases of #2 LS dyed diesel for cost + bid of \$0.0825 above the OPIS price.

Upon motion by Kisha Jackson and second by Todd Thomas approving the bids for the purchase of fuel as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Semi-Truck

Mr. Thomason presented the bids for the purchase of a semi-truck. The District received 4 bids and the lowest bid was a Mac Truck for \$108,082.45 from McBride Mac Sales.

Upon motion by Kisha Jackson and second by Nicholas LeMay approving the purchase of a semi-truck for \$108,082.45 from McBride Mac Sales, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Recreation Rates

Mr. Thomason recommended not to raise the rates for golf or lodging.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Keith Ward approving the recommendation not to raise rates for golf or lodging, 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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Sewer Rates

Mr. Thomason recommended not to raise the sewer rates for residential customers but did recommend raising the rate 2 – 3% for commercial customers with usage over 100,000 gallons. Mr. LeMay motioned to raise the rate 4% for commercial customers with usage over 100,000 gallons. A discussion ensued regarding late payments from the State.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Kisha Jackson to raise the rate 4% for commercial customers with usage over 100,000 gallons, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Resolution for Tax Abatement for Sesser Nursing Home Property

Mr. Thomason noted that the Board has already approved the tax abatement of the abandon nursing home property that the City of Sesser has acquired. In addition, he explained that the City of Sesser has requested that the District pass a tax abatement resolution regarding the property.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton approving the resolution to abate the property tax of the Sesser nursing home property, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by Ernest Collins to go into Closed Session at 10:15 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.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay to come out of Closed Session at 10:50 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 Robert Walton to approve the closed session minutes of October 24, 2016, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Personnel

Upon motion by Kisha Jackson and second by Keith Ward to modify the District's employment contract with the General Counsel authorizing him the option to provide legal support to his family members on personal time, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Kisha Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 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