



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 July 24, 2017

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, July 24, 2017, at the Rend Lake Conservancy District Administration Office, 11231 Marcum Branch Road, Benton, Illinois. Vice-President Nicholas LeMay called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. The following attended:

Board of Trustees: In physical attendance: Ernest Collins, Kisha Jackson, Paul Lawrence, Nicholas LeMay, Robert Walton, and Keith Ward; Absent: Todd Thomas

Staff: Keith Thomason, General Manager; Larry Sanders, Legal Counsel; Michael Johnston, Comptroller; Leonard Killman, Water Plant Superintendent; and Jen Zinzilieta, Executive Assistant

Visitors: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2017 meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

Board members reviewed the check register. In response to questions from board members, the following information was provided: Mr. Collins questioned a payment made for mileage for a job interview. Mr. Thomason stated it was paid to an interviewee for the golf course superintendent position which drove from Tennessee. Ms. Jackson questioned the payment for a new tailgate. Mr. Thomason stated an employee backed into an electric pole by accident which caused the damage to the tailgate.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The Vice-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 – minor taste & odor problem
- Daily average and maximum flows of drinking water
- AMR meter transmitter replacement continues and is almost complete
- 2 pipe repairs this month – increase in pipe breaks as age of pipes increase
- The variable speed #3 raw water pump has excessive vibration on the high end of the pump curve – management continues to search for solutions

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- Water Plant roof is leaking – the bids were very high and RLCD will be meeting with contractors to figure out less expensive options
- Pump station painting projects are almost completed
- City of Carterville has decided not to build a new water main connection to the District – RLCD will move forward on original plan to replace old line
- Sewer lift station repairs have been completed on State Highway 154 lift station
- Golf revenues behind budgeted revenue
- Lodge revenues continue to be ahead of budgeted revenues but behind in long term rentals
- Rend Lake Resort remains closed
- Dead tree removal continues as weather permits
- Safety – 1 minor accident occurred from a scratched eye while removing brush

Financial Report

Mr. Johnston presented the financial report for the month of June. In his report, he noted that Big Muddy Prison owed the District \$505,502 and the state, in total, owed the District \$548,141. Mr. Ward asked why the golf revenue was low. Mr. Johnston explained that a large expense occurred during the month of June due to a vacation and sick payout to the former golf course superintendent upon retirement. The golf revenue of \$1,407 on the financial report is the net of the revenues and expenses during the month of June.

Engineering Projects

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

IDOT Relocation along Wastena to Yellowbanks Route 37

Mr. Thomason reported the project is expected to begin in the next couple of months. RLCD will be doing part of the work in-house.

DuQuoin Swamp Bypass

Mr. Thomason reported the project is underway and should be completed by the end of the year. The project has to open cut in the lowlands and bore under the swamp area.

Casey Creek Exposed Pipe

Casey Creek which is south of Mt. Vernon has pipe exposed. In order to fix this problem, the creek bed will need to be restored to protect the water main. This problem will need to be addressed or in a couple of years it will become an emergency situation.

Second 36" Water Treatment Plant Transmission Pipe

Mr. Thomason reported the engineering design is in the final stages. When the design is complete, the project is expected to be bid during the winter with construction to begin in the spring of 2018. The project is expected to cost five to six million dollars.

Bids and Purchases

Mt. Vernon BPS Electrical Upgrade

Mr. Thomason reported the low bid for the Mt. Vernon BPS Electrical Upgrade was from Clinton Electric, Inc. for \$362,637. Discussion ensued regarding a mathematical error by Clinton Electric, Inc. on the bid form for the 300 HP VFD & Harmonic Filter. It was decided that the Board would allow and accept the corrected bid form from Clinton Electric, Inc.

Upon motion by Kisha Jackson and second by Paul Lawrence to award the Mt. Vernon BPS Electrical Upgrade bid to Clinton Electric, Inc. for \$362,637, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

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Resolution 499 – Semi-Annual Closed Session Minute Review

Mr. Sanders reported that he did not recommend opening any Closed Session minutes at this time.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton approving Resolution 499 – Semi-Annual Closed Session Minute Review, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Jackson, Lawrence, LeMay, Walton, Ward

Nays: Collins

Absent: Thomas

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Kisha Jackson 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, Lawrence, LeMay, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Kisha Jackson and second by Keith Ward to come out of Closed Session at 9:55 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Golf Professional Housing

Upon motion by Kisha Jackson and second by Keith Ward to approve the Golf Professional up to three months housing on RLCD premises, as housing is available, to be managed by the General Manager, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the Closed Session Minutes of June 26, 2017, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Kisha Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

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Todd Thomas, President


Robert Walton, Secretary