



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 December 28, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, December 28, 2020, via teleconference. President Todd Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The following attended:

Board of Trustees: In attendance via telephone: Ernest Collins, Paul Lawrence, Nicholas LeMay, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, Keith Ward, and Michael Warren

Staff: In attendance via telephone: Keith Thomason, General Manager; Larry Sanders, General Counsel; Michael Johnston, Comptroller; Tony Furlow, Water Plant Superintendent; Jeremy Richardson, IWS Distribution Manager; Keith Vaughn, Buildings Construction and Repair Manager; Sean Pickford, District Engineer; Jason Stillely, Golf Professional; Amy Krueger, Season's Lodge and Condominiums Manager; and Jen Zinzilietta, Executive Assistant. The chief legal counsel and chief administrative officer were physically present at the regular meeting location.

Visitors: None

Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Michael Warren to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2020, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

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

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Report of the Executive Team

Mr. Thomason presented a report regarding the following items:

- A report of the District's response to the Coronavirus Pandemic was given. Several employees have tested positive while others are being quarantined for exposure to a positive case. All utility operations remain fully functional. The managers and employees have done a very good job complying with the recommendations.
- Mr. Thomason gave a report of an incident that occurred at the golf course and lodge. A person abandoned their vehicle on the golf course and then proceeded to steal a District vehicle from the lodge. The stolen vehicle was recovered in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Damage to the golf course is being evaluated.

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- Mr. Thomason indicated that the District is in good financial standing so far this fiscal year in spite of the pandemic.

Mr. Johnston presented the financial report for the month of November.

- Mr. Johnston reported that Big Muddy Prison owes the District \$665,537 and the state, in total, owes the District \$745,138.

Mr. Sanders presented a report covering the following items:

- Mr. Sanders presented information regarding a boat dock at the Gun Creek boat ramp.

Report of the Department Managers

Mrs. Amy Krueger, Lodge Manager, presented the following information:

- A report was given on winter projects at the lodge department.
- The door lock system at the lodge needs updated and a report regarding the cost of the upgrade will be given at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Jason Stilley, Golf Professional, presented the following information:

- A report was given on the rounds played in December.
- A report was given on the progress of the tree removal project on the District property.

Mr. Tony Furlow, Water Superintendent, presented the following information:

- A report of the daily average and maximum flows of drinking water was given.
- A report of the water plant equipment and repairs was given.
- A report was given regarding EPA testing of Rend Lake water.

Mr. Jeremy Richardson, IWS Distribution Manager, presented the following information:

- A report of the water and sewer leaks during the past month was given.
- The winter clearing project continues on the water mains.
- Improvements are continuing on the SCADA radio system.

Mr. Keith Vaughn, Buildings Construction and Repair Manager, presented the following information:

- Mr. Vaughn reported that he will be helping with Cabin #4 construction beginning January 1.
- A report was given of the projects that have been completed throughout the District and projects that are currently in process.

Mr. Sean Pickford, District Engineer, presented a report on the following engineering projects:

- A report of engineering projects was given.
- 9th Street Water Main Project: The project is on hold until the District receives the IEPA permit.

District's Strategic Plan

Mr. Thomason reported on the status and timelines of the objectives within the District's Strategic Plan.

Bids and Purchases

Multiple Purchases or Repairs Each Less than \$5,000

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the purchase or repair of three items each costing less than \$5,000:

1. A 1-Year service partnership for three 2200PCX particle counters with Hach Company for a total of \$3,864.00.
2. Labor, equipment, and materials to sandblast, prime, and paint the Hydroflo Pump by Jones Hydroblast, Inc. for a total of \$4,300.
3. Repairs to the Hydroflo Pump by Flanders Electric for a total of \$3,767.90.

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Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the 1-year service partnership with Hach Company for three particle counters for \$3,864.00; labor, equipment, and materials to sandblast, prime, and paint the Hydroflo Pump by Jones Hydroblast, Inc. for a total of \$4,300; and repairs to the Hydroflo Pump by Flanders Electric for a total of \$3,767.90, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

2020 IDNR Lake Maintenance Bill

Mr. Thomason presented the 2020 IDNR Lake Maintenance bill of \$214,316.81.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the payment for the 2020 IDNR Lake Maintenance bill of \$214,316.81 and to mail a copy of the payment to the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Illinois Legislative Update

Mr. Sanders informed the Board that Mr. Bradley has kept in touch with him even though there is nothing to report on the legislative level at this time.

Chamber of Commerce Membership Fees

Mr. Thomason requested approval for the payment of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, Benton/West City Chamber of Commerce, West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce and Sesser Chamber of Commerce membership fees.

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Robert Walton to approve the payment of the Chamber of Commerce membership fees for Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, Benton/West City Chamber of Commerce, West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce and Sesser Chamber of Commerce, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Nicholas LeMay to go into Closed Session at 9:52 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, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Nicholas LeMay to come out of Closed Session at 11:30 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Ernest Collins to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the October 26, 2020, Regular Meeting and the Closed Session Minutes of the November 23, 2020, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Restaurant Contract

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Ernest Collins to authorize management to enter into a contract extension with the current restaurant leasee but to revise the contract that was presented to the Board, the Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Keith Ward to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m., the Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: None
The President declared the motion carried.


Todd Thomas, President


Robert Walton, Secretary