



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 June 28, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, June 28, 2021, at the Rend Lake Golf Course Banquet Room, 12476 Golf Course Road, Whittington, Illinois. President Michael Warren called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. The following attended:

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

Staff: In physical attendance: Keith Thomason, General Manager; Larry Sanders, General Counsel; Michael Johnston, Comptroller; Sean Pickford; District Engineer; Tony Furlow, Water Plant Superintendent; Keith Vaughn, Buildings Construction and Repair Manager; Amy Krueger, Season's Lodge and Condominiums Manager; and Jen Zinzilietta, Executive Assistant.

Pledge of Allegiance

Visitors: None

Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Ernest Collins to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021, 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 Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay 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. The state has transitioned to Phase 5. The lodge has opened their hot tub for customer use. All utility operations remain fully functional. The managers and employees have done a very good job complying with the recommendations.

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- Mr. Thomason informed the Board that there was a water main break near Whittington this morning so Tony and Jeremy might not make it to the meeting today.
- The recreation departments are having a very good season and staying extremely busy.
- The marketing agency, Idea Creative Marketing, has been marketing the Rend Lake Golf Complex through social media campaigns since the beginning of June.
- The boat dock at the Gun Creek boat ramp is completed and was built in-house for about half of what it would have cost to have it done by an outside company. The cost was approximately \$40,000.

Mr. Johnston presented the financial report for the month of May:

- Mr. Johnston reported that Big Muddy Prison owes the District \$532,759 and the state, in total, owes the District \$618,913.90.

Mr. Sanders presented a report covering the following items:

- Mr. Sanders reported the farmers are all paid according to their contracts.

Report of the Department Managers

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

- A report was given regarding the work that has been done to the pool at the lodge. The pool was open for customers before Memorial Day. However, there are still issues with the pool that will need to be addressed before next season.
- The construction of Cabin #4 continues, and the target completion date is July 16, 2021.
- A report was given of the projects that have been completed throughout the District and projects that are currently in process.

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

- A report was given regarding the pool issues and the importance of it being addressed before next spring.

Mr. Sean Pickford, District Engineer, presented the following information:

- A report of the engineering projects was given.
- A report was given regarding the West Frankfort 9th Street Project.
- A report was given regarding the water plant north ground storage tank inspection.

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

- A report was given regarding the water main break that occurred that morning.
- A report of the daily average and maximum flows of drinking water was given.
- A report was given regarding pumps at the sewer lift stations.

District's Strategic Plan

Mrs. Zinzilieta reported on the objectives that had been completed during the last month. She also pointed out that several new objectives and strategies have been added to the Strategic Plan for the Board to review. Mr. Thomason added that the new objectives are on a calendar year timeline instead of a fiscal year. He along with the managers are discussing additional objectives that need to be added in the future.

Bids and Purchases

Repair of Exhaust Fan at the Restaurant

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the repair of the exhaust fan at the restaurant. Mr. Sanders added that the exhaust fan that was repaired sits on the roof of the building. Mr. Heinrich had the exhaust fan repaired and paid \$2,270.58 for the repairs. Mr. Heinrich would like the District to credit the cost of the repairs to his bill since he feels it is the District's responsibility to repair and pay for the exhaust fan according to the lease.

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Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Keith Ward to approve the cost of the repair to the exhaust fan of \$2,270.58 be credited to Mr. Heinrich's account, 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 on legislation that might impact the District. Illinois is set to receive federal stimulus funding to be used for various projects. It is very important to have shovel ready projects ready to go when the money is available.

Resolution 517 – Designating Depository and Authorizing Signatures

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve Resolution 517 – Designating Depository and Authorizing Signatures 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.

Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2021

Mr. Johnston presented the Financial Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2021.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Paul Lawrence to go into Closed Session at 10:00 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 Keith Ward and second by Paul Lawrence to come out of Closed Session at 11:15 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.

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Ernest Collins to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the May 24, 2021, 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.

Haier Plumbing Mediation

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the payment of \$305,000 to Haier Plumbing as a complete and final payment for all obligations between the parties, the Board voted as follows:

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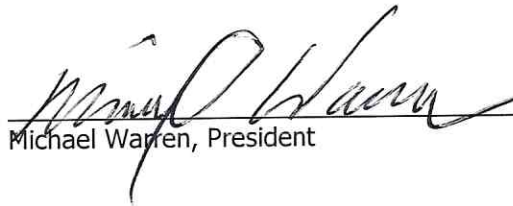
Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Ward, Warren
Nays: Collins, Walton
Absent: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Personnel

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve a salary raise of 3.5% for the Comptroller, Michael Johnston, 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 Paul Lawrence and second by Keith Ward to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 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.



Michael Warren, President



Robert Walton, Secretary