



REND LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

P.O. BOX 907 ■ 11231 MARCUM BRANCH ROAD ■ BENTON, ILLINOIS 62812
TELEPHONE: (618) 439-4321 ■ FAX: (618) 439-2400

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE REND LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT HELD February 25, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District was held on Monday, February 25, 2013, at the Rend Lake Conservancy District Administration Office, 11231 Marcum Branch Road, Benton Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by President Keith Ward with the following in physical attendance:

Board of Trustees: Don Lucas, James Rippy, Jere Shaw, David Stewart, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, and Keith Ward

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

Visitors: Mary Jane Chesley, Mt. Vernon Mayor; Robert White, Jefferson County Board Chairman; Vito Mastrangelo, Attorney at Law

City of Mt. Vernon, Mayor Mary Jane Chesley

Mayor Chesley presented to the Board a proposed legislative amendment to River Conservancy Districts Act 70 ILCS 2105/4a. The proposed amendment in effect would provide for each municipality to appoint a Trustee to the Board per every 7,000 in population.

Jefferson County Board, Chairman Robert White

Chairman White addressed the Board about the Tax Levy and requested that they approve the abatement of property tax.

Vito Mastrangelo

Mr. Mastrangelo reported to the Board that the State of Illinois is drafting new legislation on fracking. Mr. Mastrangelo acknowledged that he is working with environmental activists to strengthen regulations and prevent fracking. Mr. Mastrangelo requested the Board to allow him and a colleague the opportunity to revisit the Board to present their concerns on fracking in Illinois.

Minutes

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by David Stewart to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 28, 2013, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Robert Walton to accept the Check Register as presented, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

February 25, 2013

General Manager's Report: Keith Thomason discussed the February General Manager's Report and provided an Engineering update. Mr. Thomason presented an Akin Mine Mitigation Agreement handout. Mr. Thomason discussed the overview of the mitigation agreement, negotiations, the General Manager's opinion, and three recommendations

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Jere Shaw to bypass Akin mine and recall all previous agreements, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Membrane Performance

The Board held a discussion on the membrane performance and the option to design additional sand filters.

Mr. Lucas and Robert Clodi left the meeting a 10:15 a.m.

Condominium Carpet

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by James Rippy to award the bid for condominium carpet to the lowest responsible bidder, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by David Stewart to go into Closed Session at 10:22 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 (For the Setting of a Price for Sale, Purchase or Lease of Property); (11) Litigation (For the Discussion of Pending, Probable or Imminent); and (21) Closed Session Minutes (For the Discussion of Closed Session Minutes), the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Todd Thomas to come out of Closed Session at 10:50 a.m. the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Legal Issues

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Robert Walton to accept the recommendation of General Counsel to retain Hepler and Broom Law Firm for additional legal services, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

February 25, 2013

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by David Stewart to approve the Closed Session Minutes of January 28, 2013 as presented, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment


Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Todd Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m., the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas

The President declared the motion carried.



Keith Ward, President



Todd Thomas, Secretary