



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 February 27, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, February 27, 2023, at the Rend Lake Golf Course Banquet Room, 12476 Golf Course Road, Whittington, IL. President Michael Warren called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The following attended:

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

Staff: In physical attendance: 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; Wesley Ing, Acting General Maintenance Manager; Amy Krueger, Seasons Lodge Manager; Jason Stilley, Golf Professional; Pete Hunter, Golf Course Superintendent; and Jen Zinzilieta, Executive Assistant.

Visitors: Mrs. Beth Sandusky, Manager of Tino's on the Tee
Mrs. Sandusky addressed the Board concerning a sewage smell at the restaurant. She said this has been a problem for two years. Discussion ensued.

Minutes

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2023, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by John Spence to accept the Check Register as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Report of the Executive Team

Mr. Keith Thomason presented a report regarding the following items:

- Mr. Thomason gave an updated report regarding the Coronavirus. The District continues to have protocols in place for the safety of everyone.
- A report was given regarding the winter upgrades at the recreation departments.
- A report was given regarding the water contract amendments giving the District the ability to change rates for a one-year term.

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- A report was given regarding the Water Filter Project and the CO₂ System Project at the water plant.
- Mr. Thomason reported that he participated in a Rend Lake Dam Emergency Training.
- A report was given regarding the budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. A draft budget will be given to the Board at the March board meeting.

Mr. Michael Johnston presented the financial report for the month.

- Mr. Johnston reported on the finances of each department.
- Mr. Johnston reported that Big Muddy Prison owes the District \$666,203 and the state, in total, owes the District \$757,877.

Mr. Larry Sanders presented the following items:

- Mr. Sanders reported that he has been working on the water contract amendments during the past month.

Report of the Department Managers

Mr. Wesley Ing, Acting General Maintenance Manager, presented the following information:

- A report was given regarding the projects that the general maintenance department have been working on during the past month including tree removal on the golf course, clear cutting the easements, and sludge hauling.

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 was given regarding the EPA regulations being met.
- A report of the water plant equipment and repairs was given.
- A report was given regarding the sewer system and lift stations.

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

- A report of the water and sewer leaks during the past month was given.
- A report of the maintenance, repairs, and upgrades in the water system was given.

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

- A report was given regarding the projects that have been completed and those that are still in process.

Mrs. Amy Krueger, Manager of Season's Lodge and Condominiums, presented the following information:

- A report was given regarding the upgrade to the lodge and condominiums during the winter months.

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

- A report was given regarding the tree removal and cleanup on District property.
- A report was given regarding the timeframe of the arrival of the new golf cars from Club Car.

Mr. Pete Hunter, Golf Course Superintendent, presented the following information:

- A report was given regarding work being done on the course preparing for the season.

District's Strategic Plan

Mr. Thomason stated that the Strategic Plan provides an overall direction of the District. Mr. Thomason reported that the Strategic Plan will be changing as the priorities change and projects are completed.

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Ordinance 308 – Modifying Waste Water Rates

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Paul Lawrence to approve Ordinance 308 – Modifying Waste Water Rates as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Arts and Crafts Marketplace Purchase

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by John Spence that the District purchase from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, for the sum of \$531,667, the property commonly known as the Arts and Crafts Marketplace, and that the General Manager and General Counsel/Treasurer may sign any and all documents necessary to complete the transfer, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Water Rates

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the water rate increase and the water contract amendments. Discussion ensued.

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by John Spence to approve a water rate increase of \$0.11/1,000 gallons for one year for municipal customers that allow yearly rate setting intervals, and that management prepare an Ordinance accordingly, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Bids and Purchases

Lagoon Pump

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the purchase of a 2022 lagoon pump for \$37,000.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by John Spence to approve the purchase of a 2022 42' lagoon pump for \$37,000 from Weishaar Sales & Service, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Illinois Legislative Update

Mr. Sanders informed the Board that Mr. Bradley continues to keep in touch with him on legislation that might impact the District. Mr. Sanders presented information to the Board regarding Quick Take authority through legislation.

Nason Water Contract

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Paul Lawrence to authorize Keith Thomason and Larry Sanders to finalize the water contract with the city of Nason, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

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Water Contract Amendments

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Ernest Collins to accept the amendments to the water contracts of Hill City Public Water District, City of Christopher, Ferges Water District, City of West Frankfort, City of Buckner, and the City of Zeigler, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Robert Walton to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the January 23, 2023, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

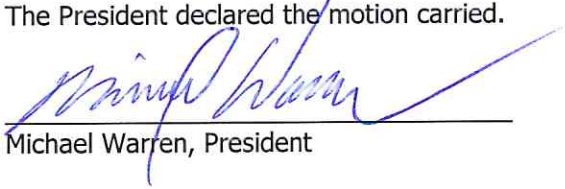
Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Paul Lawrence to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.



Michael Warren, President



Robert Walton, Secretary