



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 April 23, 2018

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, April 23, 2018, at the Rend Lake Conservancy District Administration Office, 11231 Marcum Branch Road, Benton, Illinois. President Todd Thomas 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, Todd Thomas, and Keith Ward; Absent: Robert Walton

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Visitors:

Tom Carter and Rocky Morris

Mr. Thomason addressed the Board regarding Mr. Carter and Mr. Morris' comments at the March 26, 2018 board meeting. He stated that he offered to meet with Mr. Carter and Mr. Morris after the last Board meeting to discuss their concerns and review correct information. The visitors declined to meet with Mr. Thomason and did not get the correct information. Mr. Thomason presented a handout to the Board members concerning the comments made at the March meeting by the visitors.

Mr. Thomason welcomed the visitors at the April 23, 2018 meeting and provided them an opportunity to speak and be heard by the Board. Mr. Carter voiced his concerns regarding the enrollment of RLCD employees in IMRF, the cabin presentation at the March meeting being presented by the attorney of the Rend Lake Conservancy District, and the salary of the General Manager. Mr. Morris voiced his concerns regarding the time of the public hearing, the procedures and Board review of credit card use at RLCD, and the policy regarding nepotism at RLCD.

Mr. Thomason made himself available to meet with the visitors regarding their questions and concerns. However, the visitors stated they do not want to meet with Mr. Thomason, the visitors only want to meet with the Board.

Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2018 meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

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Acceptance of Check Register

Board members reviewed the check register. Management answered questions presented by the Board concerning several expenditures.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Todd Thomas to accept the Check Register as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The 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
- Report of the daily average and maximum flows of drinking water was given
- Representatives of the Village of Orient contacted RLCD Management about supplying water directly to the Village of Orient. The General Manager advised the Village of Orient of the requirements if it ultimately connected to RLCD.
- Management was also contacted about possible water supply to Harrisburg. Mr. Thomason advised the engineer that the Mayor of Harrisburg will need to decide if this is something they are serious about pursuing before any engineering efforts will be started by RLCD. Harrisburg is currently a customer of Saline Valley River Conservancy District. It would likely be a political challenge for Harrisburg to buy water from a different river conservancy district.
- The City of Buckner has requested that RLCD enter into an agreement with it that would require RLCD to shut off a customer's water if the customer does not pay their sewer bill owed to Buckner. RLCD has a similar agreement with Ewing-Ina Water District.
- Golf revenues are behind the budgeted revenues for the year
- Season's Lodge is ahead of budgeted revenues for the year. Most facility improvements have been completed. The lodge manager has recommended removing the playground equipment and replacing it with a picnic area.
- Safety – no accidents this month

Financial Report

Mr. Johnston presented the financial report for the month of March. Mr. Johnston reported that Big Muddy Prison owed the District \$599,467.00 and the state, in total, owed the District \$649,831.00.

Engineering Projects

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

Mt. Vernon Booster Pump Station

Mr. Thomason reported that the Mt. Vernon Booster Pump Station project is ongoing. The project should be completed in May.

Secondary WTP Discharge Line

Mr. Thomason reported the project has been awarded to the low bidder for the 36" pipe. It will take a few months to receive the parts for the project. The groundbreaking of the project is expected to be around July of 2018.

Spruce Road Project

Mr. Thomason reported the Spruce Road Project is completed. He also reported that the weather played a large part in the delays in the completion of the project.

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Water Plant Ammonia Room Project

Mr. Thomason reported that the IEPA pointed out an issue with the current ammonia room at the water plant. RLCD is working on a plan to address and correct the IEPA concerns and will bring it before the Board.

Keith Ward stated that he would like to see a project regarding the renovation of the sand bunkers on the golf course. He would like to see a plan put in place to repair the bunkers using a method called the Better Billy Bunker Method. Discussion ensued.

Leased Facilities

Mr. Sanders reported on the leased facilities of the District.

- Farms: Mr. Sanders reported weather may have a major impact on the harvesting of the wheat. All farmers have paid per contract to date.
- Restaurant: Mr. Sanders reported the restaurant at the golf course is currently open. The current name of the restaurant is Tino's on the Tee.
- Shooting Complex: Mr. Sanders reported the Shooting Complex is currently having repairs made to a faucet due to a leak.
- US Army Corp of Engineers: Rend Lake Conservancy District and the US Army Corp of Engineers continue their working relationship regarding the enhancement of recreation on the lands out-leased from COE.
- Cabin Rental: Mr. Sanders reported the cabins are booked nearly every weekend from now through July 2018. Bookings for the year total approximately \$20,000. Ad campaigns are being prepared for additional mediums.

Bids and Purchases

IEPA Sample Testing

Mr. Thomason presented a purchase request for annual participation in the Community Water Supply Testing Program from IEPA labs. He reported that IEPA continues to be the lowest cost for water sample testing at \$4,431.07.

Upon motion by Kisha Jackson and second by Keith Ward to approve water supply testing from IEPA lab for \$4,431.07, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Cabin #3 Construction

Mr. Sanders presented information regarding the construction of a third cabin in the Gun Creek Area. There are two floor plans that are being discussed and the location will more than likely determine the floor plan that will be constructed. The total cost of the third cabin is budgeted for \$48,000. Discussion ensued.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Paul Lawrence to approve construction of Cabin #3 at the Gun Creek Area, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Ward

Nays: Jackson, Thomas

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Ordinance 292 – Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed annual budget.

Upon motion by Kisha Jackson and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 292 as printed, the Board voted as follows:

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Ayes: Jackson, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Ward

Nays: Collins

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Appointment of Secretary Pro Tempore

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Keith Ward to appoint Mrs. Jackson as secretary pro tempore for the April 23, 2018 meeting, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Ernie Collins and second by Keith Ward to go into Closed Session at 10:25 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, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay to come out of Closed Session at 11:15 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Kisha Jackson to approve the Closed Session Minutes of March 26, 2018, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Drug Policy Discussion

Upon motion by Kisha Jackson and second by Paul Lawrence to suspend the drug policy discussion until the next meeting, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Collective Bargaining

Upon motion by Kisha Jackson and second by Keith Ward to authorize Keith Thomason to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with IBEW upon acceptance of a signed contract, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

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The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment


Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Todd Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.



President



Secretary