



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 May 24, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, May 24, 2021, at the Rend Lake Golf Course Banquet Room, 12476 Golf Course Road, Whittington, 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, Paul Lawrence, Nicholas LeMay, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, Keith Ward, and Michael Warren.

Staff: In physical attendance: Keith Thomason, General Manager; Michael Johnston, Comptroller; Tony Furlow, Water Plant Superintendent; Jeremy Richardson, IWS Distribution Manager; Keith Vaughn, Buildings Construction and Repair Manager; Jason Stilley, Golf Professional; Amy Krueger, Season's Lodge and Condominiums Manager; and Jen Zinzilieta, Executive Assistant. Via telephone: Larry Sanders, General Counsel.

Pledge of Allegiance

Visitors: None

Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Ernest Collins to approve the minutes of the April 26, 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.

Minutes

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021, Public Hearing 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.

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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. All utility operations remain fully functional. The managers and employees have done a very good job complying with the recommendations.
- The District has identified marketing needs for the upcoming recreation season. The District is still receiving resumes for the Communications Director position. The marketing company is getting ready to start the social media campaign for the recreation departments.
- Johnston City has requested a new water contract extension.
- The video gaming at the restaurant is installed, and the first revenue information is due this week.

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

- Mr. Johnston reported that Big Muddy Prison owes the District \$557,056 and the state, in total, owes the District \$640,295.97.

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:

- Mr. Vaughn reported that the remodel of the Bass cabin was completed by the deadline of May 1. Also, the construction of Cabin #4 is top priority along with getting the pool at the lodge ready to be open by Memorial Day weekend.
- 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 new door lock installation at the lodge.

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

- A report was given regarding the success of the Jr. High State tournament that was held at the Rend Lake Golf Course in May.
- A report was given regarding the tee time bookings for May and the rest of the summer.

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 was given regarding the SCADA system and the radio communication system.
- A report was given regarding an upcoming trenching and shoring safety training for the District's employees and the District's satellite customers.
- A report of the dock at the Gun Creek boat ramp was given.
- A report was given regarding the pressure testing and sampling of the West Frankfort project.

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 of chemical costs was given.
- A report was given regarding pumps at the sewer lift stations.
- A report was given regarding the CO₂ project.

District's Strategic Plan

Mr. Thomason reported that not much had changed on the strategic plan this month. He and the managers will be discussing new strategies and objectives to bring to the Board in the future.

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Bids and Purchases

Purchase of Battery Replacements at IWS

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the purchase of 53 cell batteries from Electrorep Energy Products for a total of \$9,293.50. Discussion ensued regarding the batteries.

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Keith Ward to approve the purchase of 53 cell batteries from Electrorep Energy Products for a total of \$9,293.50 or purchase the same product from another company for less than \$9,293.50, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Repair of Pump

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the repair of pump #2 at the West Frankfort booster pump station by Flanders Electric for a cost of \$6,489.61.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Michael Warren to approve the repair of the pump at the West Frankfort booster pump station by Flanders Electric for a cost of \$6,489.61, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

CO₂ Feed System Project

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the CO₂ Feed System Project. Three bids were received for the project and the low bid was from Samron Midwest Contracting, Inc. for a cost of \$427,000.

Upon motion by Michael Warren and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the low bid from Samron Midwest Contracting, Inc. for the CO₂ Feed System Project for a total cost of \$427,000, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Wet Sludge Hauling

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the wet sludge hauling for the lagoons at the water plant. Oros & Busch is the low bidder for the wet sludge for a total cost of \$53,895.00 per lagoon. Mr. Thomason reported that this bidder will provide services when needed based upon bid award rather than discussing the bid each time a lagoon is full.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Michael Warren to approve the water plant wet sludge hauling by Oros & Busch for a cost of \$53,895.00 per lagoon per the bid, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Repair of Pump

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the repair of the 10 HP Flygt pump at the sewer lift station #9 on Marcum Branch Road. The District received a quote to rebuild the pump from Sandner Electric for a cost of \$4,172.02.

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Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Todd Thomas to approve the repair of the 10 HP Flygt pump at the sewer lift station by Sandner Electric for a cost of \$4,172.02, 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. The state will be releasing the redistricting of the state this week which will have an impact on Southern Illinois. Also, management intends to go to Springfield to meet with legislators once the COVID-19 mandates lessen.

Election of Officers

Election of President

Mr. Lawrence nominated Mr. Thomas

Mr. Collins nominated Mr. Warren

There were no other nominations, the Board voted as follows:

Thomas: Walton, Ward, Warren

Warren: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas

The President declared Mr. Warren as President.

Election of Vice-President

Mr. Lawrence nominated Mr. LeMay

Mr. Collins nominated Mr. Lawrence

Mr. Lawrence declined the nomination.

There were no other nominations, the Board voted as follows:

LeMay – Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward, Warren

The President declared Mr. LeMay as Vice-President.

Election of Secretary

Mr. Collins nominated Mr. Walton

There were no other nominations, the Board voted as follows:

Walton – Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward, Warren

The President declared Mr. Walton as Secretary

Election of Treasurer

Mr. Ward nominated Mr. Sanders

There were no other nominations, the Board voted as follows:

Sanders – Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward, Warren

The President declared Mr. Sanders as Treasurer

Closed Session

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Nicholas LeMay to go into Closed Session at 10:05 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

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Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay to come out of Closed Session at 10:41 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 April 26, 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.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Keith Ward to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 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