REND LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE REND LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT HELD
July 28, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District was held on Monday, July 28, 2014, at the Rend Lake Conservancy District Administration Office, 11231 Marcum Branch Road, Benton, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Todd Thomas with the following in physical attendance:

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

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

Visitors: Robert White, Jefferson County Board Chairman, introduced the newest Board Member, Mr. Ernest Collins.

Minutes
Mr. Collins identified an error in minutes.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Don Lucas to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 23, 2014 as corrected, the following vote was had:
Ayes: Collins, Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Thomas, Walton, Ward
Nays: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register
Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Todd Thomas to accept the Check Register as presented, the following vote was had:
Ayes: Collins, Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Thomas, Walton, Ward
Nays: None
The President declared the motion carried.

General Manager's Report: Keith Thomason discussed the July General Manager's Report and provided an Engineering update.

Mr. Thomason reported that the State Prison has an overdue balance for sewer services. Mr. Thomason noted that the majority of the overdue balance is interest incurred from late payment, which the State objects to pay.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Don Lucas directing management to give the State a notice of the overdue bill and interest, the following vote was had:
Ayes: Collins, Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Thomas, Walton, Ward
Nays: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Thomas presented a plaque acknowledging Former Trustee David Stewart for his years of dedicated service and leadership to the Rend Lake Conservancy District. Mr. Shaw will deliver the plaque and the "thanks" of the District to Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Johnston reported the Surplus Auction earned $34,790.67.

Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission Appropriation
Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Don Lucas to approve the appropriation request of $4,049.34 to the Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission, the following vote was had:
Ayes: Collins, Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Thomas, Walton, Ward
Nays: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Ordinance 274 Tax Levy
Mr. Thomason presented a Tax Levy Ordinance that provides for a 5% reduction of the prior year taxes. A discussion ensued. Mr. Rippy expressed that the water department does not need to levy a tax to help support its operations but the recreation department does. Mr. Ward made a motion that the taxes should be reduced by 5% as last year. Mr. Rippy and Mr. Ward discussed tax reduction and tax use options. Mr. Lucas and Mr. Walton agreed that a 5% tax reduction was appropriate. Mr. Shaw stated during the vote that he was reluctant to vote yes but a 5% reduction is better than nothing.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Don Lucas to pass Tax Levy Ordinance 274 providing for a 5% reduction in taxes as presented, the following vote was had:
Ayes: Collins, Lucas, Shaw, Thomas, Walton, Ward
Nays: Rippy
The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session
Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Don Lucas to go into Closed Session at 10:03 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 following vote was had:
Ayes: Collins, Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Thomas, Walton, Ward
Nays: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Keith Ward to come out of Closed Session at 10:45 a.m. the following vote was had:
Ayes: Collins, Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Thomas, Walton, Ward
Nays: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Resolution 478 Employee Policy
Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Don Lucas approving Resolution 478 Employee Policy as presented, following vote was had:
Ayes: Collins, Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Thomas, Walton, Ward
Nays: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Personnel
Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Jere Shaw approving back pay for time lost for Virginia Melton, following vote was had:
Ayes: Collins, Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Thomas, Walton, Ward
Nays: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes
Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Todd Thomas to approve the Closed Session Minutes of June 23, 2014, as presented, the following vote was had:
Ayes: Collins, Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Thomas, Walton, Ward
Nays: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Employee Hearings
Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Ernest Collins authorizing Larry Sanders to select local attorneys to serve as hearing officers over employee hearings, the following vote was had:
Ayes: Collins, Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Thomas, Walton, Ward
Nays: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment
Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Don Lucas to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m., the following vote was had:
Ayes: Collins, Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Thomas, Walton, Ward
Nays: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Todd Thomas, President   James Rippy, Secretary