



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 June 22, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, June 22, 2015, at the Rend Lake Conservancy District Administration Office, 11231 Marcum Branch Road, Benton, Illinois. President Todd Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The following attended:

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

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

Visitors: Jeff Batts, Restaurant Lessee; David Schmitt, Universal Gaming Group; Rick Linton, FREDCO and Rend Lake Tourism Group

Recognition: President Thomas recognized Jere Shaw for his 10 years of service to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Shaw was given a plaque and clock.

Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton approving the minutes of the meeting of May 18, 2015 as amended, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

As a result of reviewing the check register, Mr. Rippy asked if management had bid the health coverage insurance. Mr. Sanders reported that by motion of the Board on May 18, 2015 the Board voted to accept the renewal insurance coverage. He also stated that the insurance coverage had not been bid since the last union contract.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Ernest Collins to bid the health coverage insurance next year, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Robert Walton to accept the Check Register as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

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Lease of Property

Jeff Batts presented a proposal to allow video gaming machines in the restaurant. A discussion ensued in regards to revenues and moral values toward gambling. The Board took no action.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Todd Thomas to go into Closed Session at 9:14 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, Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Keith Ward to come out of Closed Session at 10:55 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

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

Mr. Linton discussed the promotional efforts that Rend Lake Tourism Council has done to market the Rend Lake area. He also presented a television commercial that is being used to promote events and attractions in the Rend Lake area.

Lease of Property

As the Executive Director of FREDCO, Mr. Linton requested permission from the Board to sublease land for farming which was leased to FREDCO for economic development. Mr. Linton explained that FREDCO seeks to develop this land and would like to keep the property productive until then.

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Keith Ward to authorize FREDCO to sublease the property for farming as they seek further development, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Todd Thomas to go into Closed Session at 11:17 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, Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

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Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Keith Ward to come out of Closed Session at 11:51 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Bids

Change Order

Mr. Thomason requested approval for a change order for the exposed water main project to bore a water main that was originally bid for open cut. He explained that the open cut would be too deep for future maintenance on the fittings. He reported that the cost to bore would be \$8,300.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Keith Ward authorizing the change order to bore the water main, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Change Order

Mr. Thomason requested approval for a change order for the Big Muddy Middle Fork project to purchase 2 – 20" butterfly valves. He explained that the plans called for the valves but they were not listed on the bid form. Mr. Thomason reported that cost of the butterfly valves would be \$11,000.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Keith Ward authorizing the purchase of the butterfly valves, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Intake Structure Buoys

Mr. Thomason reported that the current buoys at the intake structure are not maintaining the perimeter around the structure. He requested approval to purchase and install new professional buoys.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Todd Thomas pre-authorizing the purchase and installation of new buoys around the intake structure, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

CO² Vaporizer

Mr. Thomason reported that the heating element failed in the CO² vaporizer which is currently being replaced. He recommended that the District purchase and install a 2nd unit to provide a backup unit. Three quotes were received and the lowest quote was \$11,158.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Ernest Collins authorizing the purchase of a duplicate CO² vaporizer for \$11,158, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

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IEPA Annual Testing

Mr. Thomason reported that sending our annual testing to IEPA's labs is cheaper than using a private lab. He requested authorization to send the annual lab tests to IEPA for \$4,714.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Ernest Collins authorizing the annual test to be sent to IEPA labs, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Rend Lake College Sewer Rate

Mr. Thomason recommended discontinuing Rend Lake College's discounted sewer rate until they fix their inflow and infiltration problem.

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Todd Thomas authorizing Rend Lake College's discounted sewer rate to be suspended until they fix their inflow and infiltration problem, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2015

Management recommended moving the Financial Report to the next Board meeting. The members of the Board agreed.

Ordinance 277 Prevailing Wage

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Jere Shaw to adopt Ordinance 277 Prevailing Wage, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Don Lucas and Jere Shaw left the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Road Use Agreement

Mr. Clodi reported that a road use agreement has been negotiated with the Elk Prairie Township Road Commissioner for use of Bonnie Road and Spruce Road to transport water treatment plant lime bi-product for recycling to a mine. He also reported that the Spring Field Coal Mine has agreed to share in the cost for the use of the road. These roads are the only access routes to the mine location.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Todd Thomas approved the road use agreement, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Rippy, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Shaw

The President declared the motion carried.

Recreation Projects

Management recommended moving the recreation projects discussion to the next Board meeting. The members of the Board agreed.

Recreation Responsibilities

Mr. Rippy recommended Keith Thomason to take over as Recreation Manager in replace of Larry Sander. A discussion ensued in regards to resources, available cash, and capital improvement projects. Mr. Thomason offered to present a list of capital items for action at the next meeting. The board took no action.

June 22, 2015 (continued)

Don Lucas and Jere Shaw returned to the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton to go into Closed Session at 12:15 p.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, Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Jere Shaw to come out of Closed Session at 12:23 p.m., the Board voted as follows:

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 James Rippy approving the Closed Session Minutes of May 18, 2015 as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Golf Pro

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Ernest Collins authorizing management to select the new Golf Pro and negotiate terms, the Board voted as follows:

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 Keith Ward to adjourn the meeting at 12:31 p.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.


Todd Thomas, President


James Rippy, Secretary