



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 July 22, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District was held on Monday, July 22, 2013, at the Rend Lake Conservancy District Administration Office, 11231 Marcum Branch Road, Benton Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by President Keith Ward with the following in physical attendance:

Board of Trustees: James Rippy, Jere Shaw, David Stewart, and Keith Ward; Absent: Don Lucas, Todd Thomas, and Robert Walton

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

Visitors: Chris Hottenson, Morning Sentinel

Minutes

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by James Rippy to approve the minutes of the Meeting of June 24, 2013, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Thomas, Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by David Stewart to accept the Check Register as presented, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Thomas, Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

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

Robert Walton enters the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Change Order

Beth Ponce presented a change order to replace segments of a sewer main that is located along County Line Rd., in Franklin County, as part of the Rend Lake Bypass project. Mrs. Ponce presented multiple options for consideration, but recommended the District to execute options B and C. Mrs. Ponce reported that the District has worked on this section of sewer main several times in the past and with the main exposed during the construction of the Rend Lake Bypass the District should consider replacing it.

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Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Robert Walton to approve the change order to replace sections B and C of the sewer main located along County Line Rd., costing \$190,000, and to pursue grant funds for this change order, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Shaw, Stewart, Walton, Ward

Nays: Rippy

Absent: Lucas, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Bids

Hamilton County Pump Station – Mr. Thomason recommended that the Board reject all bids for the Hamilton County Pump Station Project.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by James Rippy to reject all bids for the Hamilton County Pump Station Project, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Quotes

Anti-cavitation Valve – Mr. Thomason requested approval to purchase an anti-cavitation valve for the West Frankfort Pump Station. Two quotes were received, anti-cavitation valve with a flow meter for \$26,492 and without a flow meter for \$20,945.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by David Stewart to approve the purchase of an anti-cavitation valve up to \$26,492, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Mobile Equipment

Excavators – Mr. Thomason requested approval to purchase 2 excavators off the State bid list.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Keith Ward to approve the purchase of 2 excavators off the State bid list, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Trucks – Mr. Thomason requested approval to purchase 2 trucks at the State bid price or better. One truck will be fitted with a utility bed. Mr. Thomason requested authority to purchase the utility bed for the lowest quote.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Keith Ward to approve the purchase of 2 trucks at the State bid price and utility bed at the lowest quoted price, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Shaw, Stewart, Walton, Ward

Nays: Rippy

Absent: Lucas, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

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Skid Steer with Mulching Attachment and Tractors – Mr. Thomason requested approval to purchase a skid steer with a mulching attachment and 2 tractors from the lowest qualified quote.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Keith Ward to approve the purchase of a skid steer with a mulching attachment and 2 tractors from the lowest qualified quote, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Shaw, Walton, Ward

Nays: Rippy, Stewart

Absent: Lucas, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Tax Levy

Jere Shaw motioned to eliminate the tax levy. This motion was second by James Rippy. A discussion ensued and the motion was withdrawn. Discussion regarding a plan to reduce the annual taxes by 5% each year was held with all members present. All members expressed their agreement with such a plan.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by David Stewart to approve a reduction of 5% of the tax levy 2014, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Resolution 468 – Regarding Water Main along State Route 37

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Jere Shaw to approve Resolution 468, regarding the location of water main along State Route 37, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Accept Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission's (Greater Egypt) Request for Appropriated Funds

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Jere Shaw to approve Greater Egypt's request for Appropriated Funds in the amount of \$4,049.34, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Sewer Inter-fund Loan

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by James Rippy to approve a lump sum payment of \$100,000 from the Sewer Fund to pay down the principal on the Regions Bank Loan if early payment is allowed by the loan, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Old Chemical Disposal

Mr. Thomason informed the Board that management staff is clearing out old chemicals that have no use to the District and is making all efforts to recycle them or give them to other agencies for their use to avoid the expense of disposing them.

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Trade-ins

Mr. Thomason requested a policy change for the District to allow trade-in values on old equipment being replaced.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by James Rippy to approve the District to accept trade-in values on old equipment being replaced, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by James Rippy to go into Closed Session at 10:12 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 (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: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by James Rippy to come out of Closed Session at 10:58 a.m. the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Ordinance 271 – 2013 Tax Levy

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by David Stewart to approve Ordinance 271 – 2013 Tax Levy, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Sand Filters

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by James Rippy to authorize the General Manager to request for qualification for the design of a sand filter, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

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Pro Tem Secretary

President Ward appointed David Stewart as Secretary Pro Tem.

Exposed Water Main

Mr. Thomason reported that under Pond Creek the District has an exposed 18" ductile iron pipe. The cost to protect and cover this exposed water main would be \$9,687.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Robert Walton to approve the payment of \$9,687 to Followell Construction to protect and cover this exposed water main, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Oil Prospecting

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by David Stewart to authorize the General Manager to negotiate a surface agreement with Brad Gesell, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

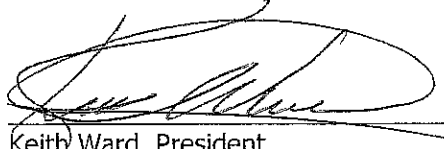
Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by David Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m., the following vote was had:

Ayes: Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.



Keith Ward, President



Todd Thomas, Secretary