



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 August 26, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District was held on Monday, August 26, 2013, at the Rend Lake Conservancy District Administration Office, 11231 Marcum Branch Road, Benton Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by President Keith Ward with the following in physical attendance:

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

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

Visitors: Chris Hottenson, Morning Sentinel; Tesa Glass, Mt. Vernon Register News; Randy Edwards, a citizen of Jefferson County; Robert White, Jefferson County Board, Noel Smith Jr., HeplerBroom; Chad Lucas and Megan Cochran, Sikich

Minutes

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Don Lucas to approve the minutes of the Meeting of July 22, 2013, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Robert Walton entered the meeting at 8:34 am.

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: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

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

Randy Edwards – A citizen of Jefferson County representing a small group of residents presented a project to RLCD requesting funding assistance to construct a water main that would tap onto the Mt. Vernon water system. The project is estimated to cost \$171,000. This proposed water main would serve 9 families and a proposed apartment complex on and near Sparrow Lane. A discussion ensued. No action was taken.

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Closed Session

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Todd Thomas to go into Closed Session at 9:42 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: Lucas, Rippy, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Jere Shaw to come out of Closed Session at 10:17 a.m. the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Robert Walton to approve the Closed Session Minutes of June 24, 2013 and July 22, 2013, as presented, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Audit for April 30, 2012

Chad Lucas, Partner with Sikich, LLP reviewed the Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended April 30, 2013. No action was taken.

Bids

SCADA – Bids for SCADA services were received: Hourly rates ranged from \$105-\$112 per hour; Travel costs ranged from \$150 - \$475. The low bid was received from R.E. Pedrotti. Mr. Thomason recommended the Board award the services for SCADA programming with priority given to R. E. Pedrotti with subsequent bidders based upon their availability and the District's need for services.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Robert Walton to award SCADA programming services with priority given to R. E. Pedrotti with subsequent bidders to follow in order of amounts bid, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Excavators – Mr. Thomason reported that the District was unable to obtain a state bid list for the purchase of the excavators. Mr. Thomason requested pre-approval from the Board to go out for bid and award the purchase of the excavators to the lowest qualified bidders.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Todd Thomas to go out for bid and award the purchase of two excavators to the lowest qualified bidders, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

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Resolution 469 – Financial Policy – General Provisions – Estimated Useful Life

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by David Stewart to approve Resolution 469, General Provisions – Estimated Useful Life, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: Rippy

The President declared the motion carried.

Resolution 470 – Semi-Annual Closed Session Review

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Robert Walton to approve Resolution 470, resolves that the following Closed Session Minutes be made available for public inspection and that all others remain closed as the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or portions thereof: January 24, 2011; August 1, 2011; August 22, 2011; October 13, 2011; January 23, 2012; February 27, 2012; May 21, 2012; February 25, 2013; March 25, 2013; and May 20, 2013; the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Resolution 471 – Regarding Water Main along State Route 37

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Jere Shaw to approve Resolution 471, regarding the location of water main along State Route 37, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Sand Filters

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Jere Shaw to approve the rehabilitation of 2 sand filters, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Identify Areas within the District not Served with Intercity Water

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by David Stewart to identify areas within the District not served with intercity water after completion of mapping the RLCD water system, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

RLCD Funding Assistance for Municipal Water Main Expansion

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by David Stewart authorizing RLCD to set aside \$100,000 and create a program that will assist municipalities to expand their water services, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Shaw, Stewart

Nays: Lucas, Rippy, Thomas, Walton, Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

Review of Capital Purchase Items

A report was presented by Mr. Thomason. A discussion ensued. No action was taken.

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Change Order

Mr. Thomason reported that Rend Lake Bypass was design to tap the 18" water main at Whittington, IL. Due to the location of railroad facilities the tap will need to be moved. The proposed tap will connect to the water main at a location where the main has been reduced to a 16" pipe. The change order will consist of a new sleeve, valve, and reducer at a cost of \$13,925.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Todd Thomas to approve the change order for the Rend Lake Bypass of \$13,925, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

West Frankfort Pump Station Communication Tower

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Todd Thomas to pre-approve the purchase and installation of a 100' antenna at the West Frankfort Pump Station, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Engineering Sand Filter Design Report

Mr. Thomason reported that the engineering consultants are still working on the reports.

Worker Compensation Review

Mr. Thomason requested approval to have Synergetic Solutions review our workers compensation insurance provider services for cost savings.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by James Rippy to approve management to utilize a consultant to review workers compensation charges, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Pittsburg Water Contract

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Robert Walton to approve the Pittsburg Water Contract, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment


Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by David Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 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