

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 September 25, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District was held on Monday, September 25, 2012, 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 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; Wayne Tate, Comptroller; Leonard Killman, Water Plant Superintendent; and Robert Clodi, Executive Assistant.

Visitors: Tesa Glass, Mt. Vernon Register-News

Minutes

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Todd Thomas to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 27, 2012, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by David Stewart to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 31, 2012, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

Acceptance of Check Register

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

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

Nays: None Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

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

West Frankfort Water Tank

Mr. Thomason reported that the West Frankfort Water Tank is currently being painted and evidence has been discovered that rusting is occurring between the roof beams and the roof of the tank. Mr. Thomason recommended that the Board approve remedial efforts to clean out the rust between the roof

beams and the tank and seal the contacting edge with caulk by the contractor painting the tank. Quality Assured Industrial Coatings has quoted the clean out the rust and caulking of the beams for \$20,000.

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Jere Shaw to approve the clean out the rust and caulking of the beams by Quality Assured Industrial Coatings for \$20,000, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

Change Order

Sarah Towle reported that the contractor working on the West Frankfort to Johnston City Water Main upgrade has hit rock in the excavation process. The contractor has submitted a change order for approval of \$300 per ft to bore through the rock, totaling \$85,000.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Don Lucas to approve the change order of \$85,000 to bore through the rock, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

Bids

<u>Hauling Dry Sludge</u> – Bids to haul dry sludge were due September 4, 2012 with 2 bids received: Low bid was received from Dorris Trucking Inc.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by David Stewart to award the bid to haul dry sludge by Dorris Trucking Inc., the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

<u>Hauling Wet Sludge</u> – Bids to haul wet sludge to farm and mines were due September 13, 2012 with 4 bids received: Low bids for each mine location and agricultural land application were awarded individually with a five year agreement. Higher bids were approved as backup options if the lowest bid contractor is unable to meet the Districts objective and time frame.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by David Stewart to award the bids to the lowest bidders for each mine location and agricultural land application for five years; and approve higher bids as backup options, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

<u>Sludge Dewatering</u> – Bids to dewater sludge were due September 4, 2012 with 3 bids received: Low bid was received from Gullet Sanitation Services Inc.

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by Don Lucas to award the bid to dewater sludge by Gullit Sanitation Service Inc. for \$62,939.20 plus polymer and fuel costs, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None Absent: Walton Abstain: Rippy

The President declared the motion carried

<u>Long Arm Excavator</u> – Bids for the purchase of a long arm excavator were due September 17, 2012 with 13 bids received: Low bid was received from Fabick CAT for a 2013 CAT 329E excavator with 70 ft. reach for \$296,879.00.

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by Don Lucas to award the purchase of the long arm excavator to Fabick CAT for \$296,879.00, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Lucas, Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Ward

Nays: Rippy Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

Land Survey Services - Management requested authority to negotiate rates for surveying service.

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by Don Lucas to grant management the authority to negotiate rates for surveying services, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

Survey Equipment – Management received two quotes for the purchase of surveying equipment: The lowest quote was received from Topcon for the amount of \$12,000.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Todd Thomas to approve the purchase of surveying equipment from Topcon for \$12,000, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

Mobile Equipment Replacement Plan – Mr. Thomason reported to the Board that the District is putting together a mobile equipment replacement list. Mr. Thomason presented a draft list of the equipment that is in need to be replaced. After a discussion of the estimated cost to replace this equipment, Don Lucas recommended that Management produce a Five Year Mobile Equipment Replacement Plan and benchmark it to other facilities of similar size.

<u>Truck Purchases</u> – Management requested pre-approval for the purchase of three trucks and a dump truck for the Water Treatment Plant from the lowest quoted price or State Bid.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Jere Shaw to pre-approve the purchase of three trucks and a dump truck not to exceed \$175,000 from the lowest quote price or State Bid, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

Electric Contract

Management requested pre-approval to seek quotes and lock in the best rate for electric service for 2 years, if lower.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by James Rippy to pre-approval Management to seek quotes and lock in the best rate for electric service for 2 years , if lower, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

Closed Session

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by David Stewart to go into Closed Session at 10:37 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); (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, Ward

Nays: None Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by David Stewart to come out of Closed Session at 11:07 a.m. the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

Bids

<u>West Frankfort Pump Station</u> – Bids for an electrical and pump upgrade for the West Frankfort Pump Station were due September 18, 2012 with 7 bids received: Lowest qualified bid was received from Wissehr Electric for \$536,800. A lower bid was received from Hauser Construction Inc. but, due to the bidder's refusal to follow the state law requiring Illinois employment, the board determined that Hauser Construction Inc. was not a qualified bidder.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by David Stewart to award the bid for an electrical and pump upgrade at the West Frankfort Pump Station for \$536,800, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None Absent: Walton

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 August 22, 2012 as presented, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

Adjournment

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Keith Ward to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m., the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

Ward, President

Todd Thomas, Secretary