



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 October 27, 2014

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held its regular October meeting on Monday, October 27, 2014, 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. 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: Monty Pearce, RLCD Employee and Tate Wright, Union Representative

Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by James Rippy to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2014 meeting, 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 approve the minutes of the August 25, 2014 meeting as amended to show the breakdown of the Administrative Reimbursement of each department, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Todd Thomas to accept the Check Register as presented, the Board discussed and 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 October General Manager's Report and provided an Engineering update.

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Rapid Mixer

Mr. Thomason reported the results of the study to repair the rapid mix chamber. The first option was to build a second rapid mixer and repair the original, estimated cost of \$1.2 million. The second option was to construct bypass pumping and make concrete repairs in the rapid mixer, estimated cost of \$554,000.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Keith Ward to seek another engineering firm and authorize the same engineering fee to conduct a second study, the Board discussed and voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Forklift

Mr. Thomason reported that three bids the District received for the purchase of a forklift. Black Equipment submitted the lowest qualifying bid for \$24,568.46.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Keith Ward to award the purchase of the forklift to Black Equipment for \$24,568.46, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

HVAC – Water Plant

Mr. Thomason reported that the District received four bids to install a split ductless HVAC system for the conference room in the water plant. Reed Heating and Air submitted the lowest qualifying bid for \$6,333.00. In conjunction, Mr. Thomason presented the bids to install a new main HVAC system in the water plant. There were three bids received. Reed Heating and Air submitted the lowest qualifying bid for \$29,577.00.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Keith Ward to award the installation of the split ductless and main HVAC systems to Reed Heating and Air for \$6,333.00 and \$29,577.00 respectively, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Asbestos Flooring Removal

Mr. Thomason reported that the District received four bids to remove and dispose of the asbestos flooring on the second floor of the water plant. Freeman Environmental submitted the lowest qualified bid for \$5,900.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Jere Shaw to award the removal and disposal of asbestos flooring to Freeman Environmental for \$5,900.00, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Repair Clamps

Mr. Thomason report that the District received no bids for the purchase of repair clamps. Mr. Thomason requested to extend the bid and pre-approval to award the lowest qualifying bid under \$125,000.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Ernest Collins to extend the bid and pre-approval to award the lowest qualifying bid under \$125,000, 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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Compact Excavator

Mr. Thomason reported to the Board that management is holding off on bidding for a compact excavator at this time, citing that it may not be needed.

Elevator Upgrade

Mr. Thomason reported that the elevator in the water treatment plant is not in compliance and requested pre-approval to make needed repairs up to \$10,000.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by Todd Thomas to pre-approve repairs to the water plant elevator up to \$10,000, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Ernest Collins approving the renewal of the West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce membership for \$150, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Water Main Breaks

Mr. Thomason reported that the District has caused surface damage to property owned by the City of West Frankfort while making repairs to a water main. Mr. Thomason requested approval to repair the damaged concrete up to \$2,900.

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Keith Ward approving the repairs of the damage caused by the District up to \$2,900, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Keith Ward 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 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 Jere Shaw 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.

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Personnel Discipline

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Keith Ward to suspend Monty Pierce from the date he failed the drug test until today without pay, that he would be subject to random drug tests at management's discretion as a condition of continued employment, and if he were to fail another drug test he would be immediately terminated, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Lease of Property

Restaurant

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Ernest Collins to approve the renewal of the restaurant lease to Jeff Batts, as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Farm Ground

Mr. Sanders reported that the farm lease will expire this year and inquired if the Board would like to renew the current leaseholder's contract or go out to bid. Mr. Sanders reported that the farm ground has experienced erosion issues and recommended to modify the language in the lease to allow for erosion control practices such as planting stabilizing ground cover in erosion prone areas. Mr. Sanders noted that some erosion control practices might have an adverse effect on lease revenues. Board members all expressed their interest in moving forward to bid the farm lease and to modify the lease with erosion control practices.

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Robert Walton to approve the Closed Session Minutes of September 22, 2014, as presented, 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 Todd Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.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