



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 NOVEMBER 25, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District was held on Monday, November 25, 2013, 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, Robert Walton and Keith Ward

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

Visitors: Chris Hottenson, Morning Sentinel; John Upcraft and Larry Chinski, Rend Lake Shooting Complex; Steve Lampley, Midwest Excavation; Sean Pickford, Clarida and Ziegler Engineering Inc.; David Gibson and Jane Southerd, Gibby's on the Green Restaurant

Larry Chinski and John Upcraft presented a status report on the success of the shooting complex. Mr. Chinski reported that the shooting complex has thrown the 3rd most targets in the state this year; they developed a strong youth program; and have developed a capital expenditure plan for the upcoming year. The capital expenditure plan includes repairing sub-pumps, electrical repair to the trap field, and repairing the entrance road.

Minutes

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by David Stewart to approve the minutes of the Meeting of October 28, 2013, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Jere Shaw shared a thank you card from Elisabeth Rap regarding water service to Moores Prairie.

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 November General Manager's Report and provided an Engineering update.

Mr. Rippy requested management to research options to reduce lime sludge bi-product production by testing different water treatment chemistry.

Beth Ponce introduced Steve Lampley and Sean Pickford to the Board. Mr. Lampley and Mr. Pickford gave a brief update on the Hamilton County Water Main project.

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Mr. Thomason reported that the District had a good safety record this year and requested approval to purchase employees and Board Members a safety award not to exceed \$2,500.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Todd Thomas authorizing the purchase of safety awards from a provider within the District not to exceed \$2,500, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Robert Walton requested that management pressure test the water main under Rend Lake for leaks once the Rend Lake Bypass project is complete.

Mr. Thomason reported that the sand filter rehabilitation project was awarded to Haier Construction and is schedule for completion May 2014.

Mr. Thomason reported that management is running the membrane system at a minimum due to cracking.

Bids

Fuel -- Mr. Clodi reported that two bids were received for fuel service, Southern FS Inc. and Wabash Valley Service Co. Lowest qualifying bid was received from Wabash Valley Service Co.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Todd Thomas to award fuel service from the lowest qualified bidder, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Excavator -- Mr. Thomason presented the bids for the purchase of an excavator.

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Keith Ward to award the purchase of the excavator to Fabick for a CAT 318, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Rippy

The President declared the motion carried.

Sewer Rates

Mr. Thomason made the recommendation not to raise the sewer rates.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by David Stewart not to raise the sewer rates, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Board Meeting Dates 2014

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by David Stewart approving the 2014 meeting schedule, 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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District Holidays 2013-2017

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by Keith Ward approving the holiday schedule for 2013-2017, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Pittsburg EFI Proposal

Mr. Thomason requested pre-approval to use EFI, whom was selected by the Village of Pittsburg, to perform programming work on the SCADA system and antenna. Pittsburg has negotiated the terms of their service. EFI will be paid by RLCD with pass through funds from Pittsburg.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by David Stewart to pre-approve the use of EFI to perform programming work on the SCADA system and antenna, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

GE Energy Generator Switch Repair

Mr. Thomason request pre-approval for GE to make repairs to the generator switch, price unknown.

Upon motion by Don Lucas and second by James Rippy to pre-approve the use of GE Energy to repair the generator switch, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Total Daily Maximum Load

Mr. Thomason reported that IEPA is conducting a TDML study of the Big Muddy River. CDM has been named the consultant to complete the TDML study. Mr. Thomason has contacted IEPA and has expressed that the use of CDM would be conflict of interest. Mr. Thomason requested IEPA to delay the study or appoint another consultant. A public meeting to discuss Upper Big Muddy River study will be held on December 17, 2013 in West Frankfort.

David Gibson and Jane Southerd entered the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

Water Resource Development Act (WRDA)

Mr. Thomason reported that RLCD will be sending out letters requesting Senators Durbin and Kirk to amend WRDA. Mr. Thomason reported that RLCD will be emailing Board members requesting support from their communities. Emails will be sent to all other communities requesting their support.

West Frankfort Pump Station Control Valve

Mr. Thomason reported that a quote was received to replace the control valve with a new one at cost of \$24,000 or rebuild it for \$2,300 plus \$800 each one there after.

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Robert Walton to approve the rebuild of the existing control valve and to purchase a new one, 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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Rend Lake Tourism Council

Mr. Thomason requested approval to spend \$2,400 to form the Rend Lake Tourism Council. This Council will serve the Rend Lake area and will provide assistance in marketing with bed tax funds.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Don Lucas to approve RLCD to form the Rend Lake Tourism Council at a cost of \$2,400, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Delayed Financial Report

Mr. Rippy stated that he felt that it is not acceptable that management did not produce a financial report for the October meeting.

Employee Levels/Responsibilities

Mr. Rippy stated that management should produce strict job classifications and requirements.

Employee Golf Policy

Mr. Sanders reported that the employee policy does not allow for golf benefits to be extended beyond the time of employment, but has found that the District has been practicing this extension of golf benefit to the end of the year of employment. Mr. Sanders requested that the Board make a clear determination of whether or not to offer golf benefits to employees after employment has ended with the District.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Todd Thomas that employees will receive golf benefits after employment with the District to the end of the year except when terminated for cause, the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session

Upon motion by James Rippy and second by Robert Walton to go into Closed Session at 12:10 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 following vote was had:

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

Nays: Shaw

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Jere Shaw and second by David Stewart to come out of Closed Session at 1:17 p.m. the following vote was had:

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

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Internet

Mr. Thomason reported that Frontier has offered Season's Lodge and Condominiums an internet service contract for 2 year at \$324.27 per month. Management will investigate whether there will be a cancellation fee from Call One (the current provider) and make arrangements for the best deal at the best price.

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Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by David Stewart and second by Jere Shaw to approve the Closed Session Minutes of October 28, 2013, as presented, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Rippy

The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

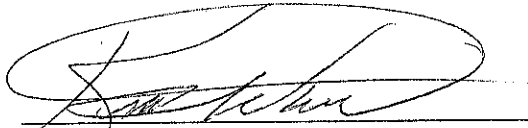
Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by James Rippy to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 p.m., the following vote was had:

Ayes: Shaw, Stewart, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Lucas, Rippy

The President declared the motion carried.



Keith Ward, President



Todd Thomas, Secretary