



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 February 28, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022, at the Rend Lake Conservancy District Administration Office, 11231 Marcum Branch Road, Benton, Illinois. President Michael Warren called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. The following attended:

Board of Trustees: In physical attendance: Ernest Collins, Paul Lawrence, Nicholas LeMay, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, and Michael Warren. Absent: Keith Ward.

Staff: In physical attendance: Keith Thomason, General Manager; Larry Sanders, General Counsel, Michael Johnston, Comptroller; Sean Pickford, District Engineer; Tony Furlow, Water Plant Superintendent; Jeremy Richardson, IWS Distribution Manager; Keith Vaughn, Buildings Construction and Repair Manager; Pete Hunter, Golf Course Superintendent; Jason Stilley, Golf Professional; Amy Krueger, Season's Lodge Manager; and Jen Zinzilieta, Executive Assistant.

Pledge of Allegiance

Visitors: None

Minutes

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Paul Lawrence to accept the Check Register as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

Report of the Executive Team

Mr. Keith Thomason presented a report regarding the following items:

- A report of the District's response to the Coronavirus Pandemic was given. The managers and employees continue to do a good job with safety precautions.
- A report was given regarding the financial standing of the recreation departments.

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- A report was given regarding the projects that have been done during the winter months at the lodge and golf course.
- A report was given regarding tree removal on District property during the winter months.
- A report was given regarding the youth Scholastic 3D National Archery Tournament which will be held in June at the North Marcum Archery Complex at Rend Lake. Discussion ensued regarding use of District property near the site of the tournament for various needs.
- A report was given regarding flood damage at the condominiums due to a hot water heater.
- A report was given regarding the new regulations that are coming for lead and copper. The data collection, reports, and limits will be changing.
- A report was given regarding changes to the CDL requirements.
- A report was given regarding the District's continued efforts of reaching out to other utilities to seek strategic relationships for the future.
- A report was given regarding the state requiring a percentage of fees at fishing tournaments including at Rend Lake.
- An update was given regarding the electricity bids discussed at the January 2022 meeting. The low bidder has attempted to withdraw their bid. The electricity will be bid again in May and awarded in June.
- Mr. Thomason discussed the recreation rates at the lodge and golf course for the 2022 season. Mrs. Krueger and Mr. Stillely both reported the reasoning of increasing rates approximately 5% for the 2022 season. The topic will be discussed again in June due to rising inflation in the country.

Mr. Michael Johnston presented the financial report for the month.

- Mr. Johnston reported on the finances of each department.
- Mr. Johnston reported that Big Muddy Prison owes the District \$653,572 and the state, in total, owes the District \$745,742.

Report of the Department Managers

Mr. Sean Pickford, District Engineer, presented the following information:

- A report of the engineering projects was given.
- A brief report was given regarding the bids regarding the demolition or painting of the water tank near Waltonville. More information will be provided later in the meeting.

Mr. Tony Furlow, Water Superintendent, presented the following information:

- A report of the daily average and maximum flows of drinking water was given.
- A report was given regarding the EPA regulations being met.
- A report was given regarding the chemical suppliers.
- A report of the water plant equipment and repairs was given.
- A report was given regarding the sewer system and lift stations.
- A report was given regarding the membrane system.
- A report was given regarding an accident at the water plant due to an employee slipping on the ice in the parking lot.

Mr. Jeremy Richardson, IWS Distribution Manager, presented the following information:

- A report of the water and sewer leaks during the past month was given.
- A report of the repairs and upgrades in the water system was given.
- A report of the maintenance being done in the water system was given.

Mr. Keith Vaughn, Buildings Constructions and Repair Manager, presented the following information:

- A report of the construction projects and maintenance projects was given.
- A report was given regarding the upcoming projects and the priority of each project.

Mr. Jason Stillely, Golf Professional, presented the following information:

- A report was given regarding the progress of the tree crew on District property.

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- A brief report was given regarding the bids received for new golf cars. Further discussion will be held later in the meeting.

Mrs. Amy Krueger, Manager of Season's Lodge and Condominiums, presented the following information:

- A report was given regarding the upgrades that are underway at the lodge.
- A report was given regarding the flood damage at the condominiums that occurred this past month was given.

Mr. Pete Hunter, Golf Course Superintendent, present the following information:

- A report was given regarding the progress of the tree crew on District property.

District's Strategic Plan

Mr. Thomason stated that he has updated the District's Strategic Plan and has added some objectives to it. Mr. Thomason is going to arrange for the three companies that have provided their qualifications to come to a Board meeting to present their information.

Bids and Purchases

Elevated Water Tank near Waltonville

Mr. Pickford presented information regarding the four bids received for the painting or demolition of the elevated water tank near Waltonville. Discussion ensued regarding the cost of painting the tank versus the cost of demolition of the tank.

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Robert Walton to approve the demolition of the elevated water tank near Waltonville for \$26,300 by Iseler Demolition, Inc., the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

Purchase of Various Materials

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the purchase of various materials required to construct a master meter vault. Mr. Thomason requested preapproval of the materials because an updated quote had not been received yet.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Paul Lawrence to preapprove the purchase of various materials required to construct a master meter vault not to exceed \$30,000, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

Chemical Storage Building

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the purchase of a permanent chemical storage building that can be transportable. Three quotes were received and the low quote for the building was for \$25,184 from Denios.

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by Robert Walton to approve the purchase of a two-hour fire rated walk-in building for \$25,184 from Denios, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

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Golf Car Purchase

Mr. Thomason and Mr. Stilley presented information regarding the purchase of new golf cars for the golf course for the 2023 season. Discussion ensued.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Ernest Collins to approve the purchase of seventy-five golf cars with one having a lithium battery, one beverage cart, no golf car trade-ins, and one beverage cart trade-in from the low bidder which is Club Car, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

Illinois Legislative Update

Mr. Sanders informed the Board that Mr. Bradley continues to keep in touch with him on legislation that might impact the District. Legislative language was prepared for the legislature to return the Artisan Shop to the District. Representative Severin and Representative Windhorst presented the legislation.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Ernest Collins to go into Closed Session at 11:02 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, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Nicholas LeMay to come out of Closed Session at 11:30 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Todd Thomas to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the January 24, 2022, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

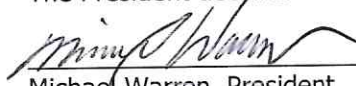
Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Nicholas LeMay to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.



Michael Warren, President



Robert Walton, Secretary