



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 March 28, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, March 28, 2022, at the Rend Lake Golf Course Banquet Room, 12476 Golf Course Road, Whittington, IL. President Michael Warren called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The following attended:

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

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 Paul Lawrence to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2022, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Nicholas LeMay to accept the Check Register as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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.
- A report was given regarding the projects that have been done during the winter months at the lodge and golf course.

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- A report was given regarding tree removal on District property during the winter months.
- A report was given regarding the first annual Rend Lake Marathon that began at the Rend Lake water tower.
- A reminder 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.
- A report was given regarding flood damage at the condominiums due to a hot water heater.
- A report was given regarding the assistance Rend Lake Conservancy District provided to the Lake of Egypt water district during a water line break.
- A report was given that a meeting has been set up with the US Army Corp of Engineers regarding the District's Master Plan for land development over the next five years.

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 \$692,383 and the state, in total, owes the District \$781,030.

Report of the Department Managers

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

- A report was given regarding the amount of play at the golf course.

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

- A report was given regarding the work that has been done on the golf course this past month.

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

- A report was given regarding the upgrades and projects that are occurring at the lodge.

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

- A report of the construction projects and maintenance projects was given.

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. 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.

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

- A report of the engineering projects was given.

District's Strategic Plan

Mr. Thomason stated that the Strategic Plan will be updated with the capital plan projects.

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Draft Budget May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023

Mr. Thomason presented the draft budget for Board discussion and approval for public review. He also presented three draft versions of the budget for the golf department. Mr. Johnston presented the estimated cash flow of fiscal year 2022 for the District. Discussion ensued.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the draft budget using the version with "Golf 3C" for public review, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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. Representative Dave Severin and Representative Patrick Windhourst presented the legislation to return the Southern Illinois Artisan's Shop to the District. The legislation has not progressed out of committee. Also, Mr. Bradley informed him that ARPA money is being spread around and only half is being used to pay down the unemployment debt. Thus, the failure to pay UI down will mean higher UI costs passed on to employers.

Schedule Budget Hearing – April 25, 2022 at 8:25 a.m.

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the public budget hearing for April 25, 2022 at 8:25 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Macedonia Water System

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the Village of Macedonia asking the District to take over the management of its water system. The Village of Macedonia has approximately sixty customers. Mr. Thomason asked the Board for permission to negotiate a contract with the Village of Macedonia to take over the management of its water system.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Keith Ward to grant permission to Mr. Thomason to negotiate a contract with the Village of Macedonia to take over the management of its water system, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Ordinance 303 – Regarding Weight Limit

Mr. Thomason and Mr. Sanders presented information regarding Ordinance 303 – Regarding Weight Limit. The weight limits are required to prevent unreasonable damage or extraordinary maintenance expenses as a result of the activities of heavy vehicles on the Golf Course Road.

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Keith Ward to adopt Ordinance 303 – Regarding Weight Limit, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

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Closed Session

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Robert Walton to go into Closed Session at 10:30 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, Ward, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Keith Ward left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Nicholas LeMay to come out of Closed Session at 11:05 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 Nicholas LeMay and second by Robert Walton to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the February 28, 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.

Golf Course Chemical Bid

Mr. Thomason presented the bids for the golf course chemicals. Mr. Thomason recommended awarding the bids for each chemical to the lowest bidder. He noted that it is the Golf Course Superintendent's recommendation that when more than one company has the same price, due to agency pricing, the award would go to any of the approved bidders.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Ernest Collins to accept all bids, award the bid for the golf course chemicals to the lowest bidder for each chemical, and award the bid when the price is the same due to agency pricing to any of the approved bidders, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Abstain: Thomas

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

Workers' Compensation Insurance

Mr. Sanders presented information regarding the workers' compensation insurance of the District.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Todd Thomas to continue with BerkleyNet as the District's workers' compensation insurance company and use the agent assigned, 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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Adjournment


Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Paul Lawrence to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 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