



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 April 25, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, April 25, 2022, at the Rend Lake Conservancy District Administration Office, 11231 Marcum Branch Road, Benton, 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, Robert Walton, Keith Ward, and Michael Warren. Absent: Todd Thomas

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; Pete Hunter, Golf Course Superintendent; Jason Stilley, Golf Professional; Amy Krueger, Season's Lodge Manager; and Jen Zinzilieta, Executive Assistant.

Visitors: Rob Wielt and Jordan Haarmann from Affordable Gas and Electric

Minutes

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Keith Ward to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2022, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

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.
- 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 the new rules for lead and copper that will impact the water plant.
- An update was given regarding the District taking over the management of the Village of Macedonia's water system. A contract has been sent for their signatures.

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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 \$666,139 and the state, in total, owes the District \$757,102.

Report of the Department Managers

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

- A report of the engineering projects was given.
- A report was given regarding the projects that have not been completed yet because materials are being backordered or hard to get at this time.

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 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. 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 maintenance, repairs, and upgrades in the water system was given.
- A report was given regarding the upcoming training RLCD will be conducting for its employees and the District's wholesale customers on May 18, 2022

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

- A report was given regarding the amount of play at the golf course and how the weather is having a negative impact.

District's Strategic Plan

Mr. Thomason stated that the Strategic Plan has been updated and the objectives that have been completed have been taken off. Mr. Thomason will finalize the new objectives with the managers and Board President and will present the updated Strategic Plan at the next board meeting.

Bids and Purchases

Electricity Bid Update

Mr. Johnston presented information regarding the updated bids he received for the electricity bid. He suggested that the District not accept any of the bids and continue month by month. Mr. Haarmann from Affordable Gas and Electric presented information regarding the components of the electricity prices. Mr. Haarmann and Mr. Wielt voiced their opinions on the future of electricity pricing and how it could impact the District. No motion was made at this time.

Property & Casualty Insurance

Mr. Sanders presented information regarding the renewal of the Property & Casualty Insurance through IPARKS with S.C.D. Rea & Sons, Inc. for \$204,230.00 with a policy period of 05/01/2022 - 05/01/2023.

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Keith Ward to approve the renewal of the Property & Casualty Insurance through IPARKS with S.C.D. Rea & Sons, Inc. for \$204,230.00, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

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Absent: Thomas

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. Mr. Sanders presented new legislature that could impact water districts and their responsibilities to water customers in respect to legionaries' disease.

Ordinance 304 – Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance

Mr. Thomason presented the Board with the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023. He informed the Board that the proposed budget has a change to the golf labor expenses from the proposed budget presented at the March 28, 2022 meeting. Discussion ensued.

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve Ordinance 304 – Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Ordinance 305 – Regarding Weight Limit

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding Ordinance 305 – 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 all roads maintained by the District. Ordinance 303 was passed at the March 28, 2022 meeting which was limited to the Golf Course Road. Ordinance 305 pertains to weight limits at all roads maintained by the District.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Paul Lawrence to adopt Ordinance 305 – Regarding Weight Limit, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Paul Lawrence to go into Closed Session at 9:45 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, Walton, Ward, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Keith Ward to come out of Closed Session at 10:35 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

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Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the March 28, 2022, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

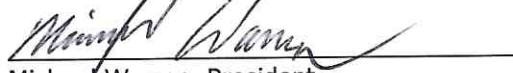
Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.



Michael Warren, President



Robert Walton, Secretary