



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 September 26, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, September 26, 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, John Spence, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, and Michael Warren.

Staff: In physical attendance: Keith Thomason, General Manager; Larry Sanders, General Counsel, Michael Johnston, Comptroller; Keith Vaughn, Buildings Construction and Repair Manager; Tony Furlow, Water Plant Superintendent; Jeremy Richardson, IWS Distribution Manager; Amy Krueger, Season's Lodge Manager; Wesley Ing, Acting General Maintenance Manager, and Jen Zinzilieta, Executive Assistant.

Visitors: None

Minutes

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Robert Walton to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2022, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

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

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

- Mr. Thomason gave an updated report regarding the Coronavirus. The District continues to have protocols in place for the safety of everyone.
- Mr. Thomason continues to meet with the smaller towns in the area to learn of any issues they are dealing with and offer the District's assistance.
- Mr. Thomason reported that Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission sent a thank you letter for the District's support.

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- Mr. Thomason reported that the development consultant, FGM, has given a \$100,000 estimate for the initial study. This topic will be discussed later in the meeting.
- A report was given regarding an insurance claim for a tree that fell on Bass Cabin's porch.
- A report was given regarding the prep work that is being done for the winter upgrades at the recreation department.
- Mr. Thomason gave a report on the Rend Lake 50th Anniversary Celebration that was held at the Rend Lake Visitor's Center on September 10.
- A report was given regarding the completion of the CO₂ chemical system project.
- A report was given regarding the possible impact that the long wall project near Macedonia will have on the water system.
- Mr. Thomason gave a report of recent upgrades and purchases at the District.

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 \$721,326 and the state, in total, owes the District \$814,648.

Mr. Larry Sanders presented a report regarding the following items:

- Mr. Sanders reported that everything is going well regarding the leased properties of the District.
- Mr. Sanders reported that all the farmers have made their payments.
- Mr. Sanders reviewed lease information of the shooting complex and the restaurant. The restaurant lease end date with Tino's on the Tee is 11/15/2022.

Report of the Department Managers

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

- A report was given regarding the occupancy of the lodge, condominiums, and cabins during the last several months.

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

- A report was given regarding the projects that have been completed and those that are still in process. He reported dealing with contractors on fifteen projects during the past month.

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 easement clearing was given and the importance of continuing the clearing schedule.
- A report of the maintenance, repairs, and upgrades in the water system was given.
- A report was given regarding the long wall project the mine in Macedonia is preparing to do and the effects it might have on the water system in that area.
- A report was given regarding the inventory for the water system.

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 chemical supply issues.
- A report was given regarding taste and odor issues.
- A report of the water plant equipment and repairs was given.
- A report was given regarding the sewer system and lift stations.
- A report of the membrane system was given.

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Mr. Wesley Ing, Acting General Maintenance Manager, presented the following information:

- A report was given regarding the projects the General Maintenance Department have been working on throughout the District.
- A report was given regarding the hauling of sludge from the water plant.

District's Strategic Plan

Mr. Thomason stated that the Strategic Plan provides an overall direction of the District. Mr. Thomason reported that the Strategic Plan will be changing as the priorities change and projects are completed. He will provide an updated sheet at the next meeting.

Bids and Purchases

Meter Components

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding purchasing meter components from Midwest Meter for the Badger meters.

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the purchase of seventy Badger ME (mobile radio) with connectors from Midwest Meter for a total cost of \$8,466.50, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Flatbed Trailers

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding purchasing two flatbed trailers from Country Blacksmith LLC.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Ernest Collins to approve the purchase of two flatbed trailers from Country Blacksmith LLC for a cost of \$19,258 each, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Enclosed Trailers

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding purchasing two 8.5' x 20' enclosed trailers from Ben's Lawn Service.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the purchase of two enclosed trailers from Ben's Lawn Service for a cost of \$14,999.99 each, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Repair of Limatorque MX-05 Valve Actuator

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the repair of the limatorque MX-05 and limatorque MX-10 actuators. The repairs will be done by Mead O'Brien.

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Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by John Spence to approve the repairs of the limitorque MX-05 and limitorque MX-10 actuators by Mead O'Brien for a total cost of \$10,121.25, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Thomas, Walton, 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.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Nicholas LeMay to go into Closed Session at 10:10 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, Spence, Thomas, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

John Spence left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Ernest Collins to come out of Closed Session at 12:05 p.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Spence

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Ernest Collins to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the September 22, 2022, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Spence

The President declared the motion carried.

Increase in Employee Health Contribution

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Robert Walton to approve a 10% increase in the employee health contribution amount effective October 1, 2022 with the first payroll deduction from employees on the October 21, 2022 payroll, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Spence

The President declared the motion carried.

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Adjournment

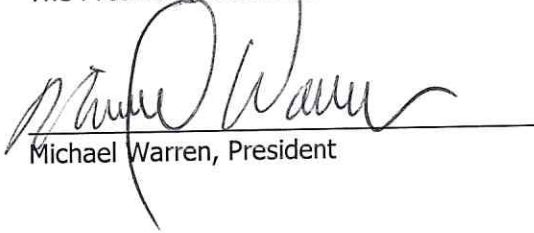
Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Paul Lawrence to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Spence

The President declared the motion carried.



Michael Warren, President



Robert Walton, Secretary