



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 May 22, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023, 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, John Spence, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, and Michael Warren.

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

Visitors: Tate Wright, Business Representative at IBEW 702

Minutes

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Ernest Collins to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2023, Public Hearing 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.

Minutes

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by John Spence to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2023, 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 John Spence 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.

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Report of the Executive Team

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

- A report was given regarding the presentation of the fiscal year ending April 30, 2023 will be presented at the June board meeting.
- A report was given regarding the recreation departments preparing for the busy tourist season.
- A report was given regarding the projects at the water plant.
- A report was given regarding the water expansion and partnership discussions being held with three districts.
- A report was given regarding what to do with the old golf cars.
- A reminder was given regarding adjusting the five-year capital plan to reflect changes due to inflation and findings from the recreation study presented by FGM Architects.

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 \$682,114 and the state, in total, owes the District \$778,207.

Mr. Larry Sanders, General Counsel presented the following information:

- Mr. Sanders informed the Board that Mr. Bradley is keeping him advised on any legislation that may affect the District.

Report of the Department Managers

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

- A report was given regarding the projects that the general maintenance department have been working on 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 maintenance, repairs, and upgrades 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 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.
- A report was given regarding the projects at the water plant.
- A report was given regarding the safety record at the water plant.

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.
- A report was given regarding the repairs and work being done at the Artisan Shop building.
- A report was given regarding the repairs that have been made to the pool at the lodge.

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

- A report was given regarding the work being done on the golf course to get it prepared for the busy season.

Mrs. Amy Krueger, Manager of Seasons Lodge and Condominiums, presented the following information:

- A report was given regarding the occupancy at the lodge during the past month.

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

- A report was given regarding the timeframe of the arrival of the new golf cars from Club Car.
- A discussion ensued regarding golf course reciprocity with other golf courses in the area.

District's Strategic Plan

Mr. Thomason stated that the Strategic Plan provides an overall direction of the District. The Strategic Plan will change as the priorities change and projects are completed.

Water Contract Amendments

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Paul Lawrence to accept and duly sign the amendments to the water service contracts received from the City of Carterville and the Village of Galatia, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Bids and Purchases

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 Ernest Collins and second by John Spence 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, Spence, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Abstain: Thomas

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Sand Filter Media Replacement

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the low bid from All Service Contracting Corp. to remove existing filter media and furnish and install new filter media in two sand filters at the water plant for a cost of \$110,490, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Election of Officers

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Ernest Collins to retain all the officers from the 2022-2023 term for the 2023-2024 term which are Michael Warren, President; Nicholas LeMay, Vice-President; Robert Walton, Secretary; and J. Lawrence Sanders, Treasurer, 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 John Spence and second by Ernest Collins to go into Closed Session at 9:40 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.

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Paul Lawrence to come out of Closed Session at 11:05 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the April 24, 2023, 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.

Adjournment


Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Ernest Collins to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.



Michael Warren, President



~~Robert Walton, Secretary~~
John Spence, Secretary Pro Tempore