



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 June 26, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, June 26, 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, John Spence, and Michael Warren. Via Telephone: Nicholas LeMay. Absent: Todd Thomas and Robert Walton

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; Pete Hunter, Golf Course Superintendent; and Jen Zinzilieta, Executive Assistant.

Visitors: None

Minutes

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2023, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas, Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

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

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas, Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Report of the Executive Team

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

- A report was given regarding the financial status of the recreation departments.
- A report was given regarding the projects at the water plant.
- A report was given regarding the easements on the Mt. Vernon parallel line project.

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 \$695,402 and the state, in total, owes the District \$794,000.

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

- A report was given regarding the investments of certificates of deposit that have been purchased during the past month.

Report of the Department Managers

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.

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

- A report was given regarding the number of rounds played during the past month.
- A report was given regarding the staffing issues in the golf course maintenance department.

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 Rend Lake Event Center.
- A report was given regarding the odor at the restaurant.
- A report was given regarding the repairs that have been made to the pool at the lodge.

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 safety luncheon for the District employees.

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. 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.

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 Paul Lawrence and second by Ernest Collins to accept and duly sign the amendment to the water service contract received from the City of Benton, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas, Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

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Resolution 524 – Local Government Efficiency Committee

Mr. Sanders presented information regarding the legislative act requiring local government bodies in Illinois to form a committee on local government efficiency and how it pertains to the District. Discussion ensued.

Appointment of Secretary Pro Tempore

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Paul Lawrence to appoint John Spence as secretary pro tempore for the June 26, 2023 meeting, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas, Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2023

Mr. Johnston presented the Financial Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2023.

Closed Session

Upon motion by John Spence and second by Ernest Collins to go into Closed Session at 10:00 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, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas, Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Nicholas LeMay left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

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

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, Spence, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: LeMay, Thomas, Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by John Spence to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the May 22, 2023, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, Spence, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: LeMay, Thomas, Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

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Raise Information

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by John Spence to approve a 4% raise for department managers effective 06/01/2023, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, Spence, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: LeMay, Thomas, Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by John Spence to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, Spence, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: LeMay, Thomas, Walton

The President declared the motion carried.



Michael Warren, President



Robert Walton, Secretary