



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 August 28, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, August 28, 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, Robert Walton, and Michael Warren. Absent: Todd Thomas

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; Jason Stilley, Golf Professional; Amy Krueger, Seasons Lodge Manager; and Jen Zinzilieta, Executive Assistant.

Visitors: Justin Quartana and David McCuan

Mr. Quartana and Mr. McCuan introduced themselves to the Board. They expressed their interest in leasing the Rend Lake Shooting Complex, and the plans they have for the future of the shooting complex.

Minutes

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by John Spence to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2023, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

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

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton, 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 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 elevator repair at the condominiums.
- A report was given regarding equipment failures at the water plant during the past month.
- A report was given regarding the easement work on the parallel line to Mt. Vernon.
- A report was given regarding the Rend Lake Event Center.
- A report was given regarding the Rend Lake fireworks on July 4, 2023.
- A report was given regarding the members of the Efficiency Committee of the Rend Lake Conservancy District.

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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 \$763,275 and the state, in total, owes the District \$ 863.081.

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

- A report was given regarding new investment opportunities the District is looking into and the current return on investments of the District.
- A report was given regarding the new leasees of the Rend Lake Shooting Complex.

Report of the Department Managers

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 of an emergency repair done on a motor and pump at the water plant 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 water leaks during the past month and the importance of the parallel lines project.
- 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.
- A report was given regarding the lead and copper sampling that has been completed.

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.

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

- A report was given regarding the number of rounds that were played during the past month.
- A report was given regarding the course conditions.

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.

Bids / Purchases

Emergency Repair on 600 hp Motor

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the emergency repair on the 600 hp motor at the water plant for \$12,780 from Illinois Electric Works. Mr. Thomason received emergency approval from the Board President, Mr. Michael Warren.

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High Service Pump Repair and High Service Motor Repair

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding a high service pump repair and a high service motor repair at the water plant. Jeremy Richardson is in the process of getting quotes for the repairs. Currently, the low quote for the motor repair is \$29,000 and the low quote for the pump repair is \$22,000. Mr. Thomason requested that the Board give preapproval for both repairs and that he be given authority to reward the repairs to the low quote.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Paul Lawrence to grant preapproval for the repairs to the high service motor and the high service pump at the water plant and to give Mr. Thomason the authority to reward the repairs to the company with the low quote, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Rend Lake Event Center Carpeting

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the purchase of carpet tiles for the Rend Lake Event Center banquet room. The carpet will be purchased from Foulks Flooring America for a total cost of \$14,930.

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by John Spence to approve the purchase of carpet tiles for the Rend Lake Event Center from Foulks Flooring America for a total cost of \$14,930, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

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. Currently, there is not any legislation pending in this legislative session that would impact the District.

Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission Appropriation

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the appropriation request of \$4,490.57 to the Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Ernest Collins left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by John Spence to go into Closed Session at 10:20 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: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

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Absent: Collins, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Nicholas LeMay to come out of Closed Session at 11:25 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Collins, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by John Spence and second by Michael Warren to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the July 24, 2023, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Collins, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Rend Lake Shooting Complex Lease

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by John Spence to direct the General Manager, Keith Thomason, and Legal Counsel, Larry Sanders, to prepare and execute the Rend Lake Shooting Complex lease with Mr. Justin Quartana and Mr. David McCuan, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Collins, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

City of Galatia Water Contract Extension

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the City of Galatia water contract extension, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Collins, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Nicholas LeMay to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Collins, Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.


Michael Warren, President


Robert Walton, Secretary