



REND LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE REND LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT HELD September 18, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a rescheduled regular meeting on Monday, September 18, 2023, at the Rend Lake Event Center, 14967 Gun Creek Trail, 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; Michael Johnston, Comptroller; Tony Furlow, Water Plant Superintendent; Jeremy Richardson, IWS Distribution Manager; Keith Vaughn, Buildings Construction and Repair Manager; Jason Stillely, Golf Professional; and Jen Zinzilieta, Executive Assistant. Via Telephone: Larry Sanders, General Counsel

Visitors: Jessica Williams and Dave Oxford, Peoples National Bank

Minutes

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the minutes of the August 28, 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 Nicholas LeMay and second by Robert Walton 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:

- A report was given regarding the Rend Lake Event Center.
- A report was given regarding the financial status of the recreation departments.
- A report was given regarding the projects and the challenges at the water plant.
- A report was given regarding a meeting with the Director of the IDNR and John Bradley.

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

- A report was given regarding the Illinois Legislative Update. Mr. John Bradley continues to keep in touch on legislation that might impact the District.
- A report was given regarding a meeting that John Brandy arranged with IDNR Director Natalie Phelps Finney and representatives from the District.
- A report was given regarding legislation to amend the River Conservancy District Act to allow an increase in Trustee compensation.

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 \$741,586 and the state, in total, owes the District \$ 844,714.

Report of the Department Managers

Mr. Jason Stillely, 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.
- A report was given regarding issues with a few greens on the golf course.

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. Jeremy Richardson, IWS Distribution Manager, presented the following information:

- A report of the water and sewer breaks and 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 inventory of parts at the water plant.
- 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 sewer system and lift stations.
- A report of the membrane system issues was given.
- A report of the plant capacity issues 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. The District is waiting on results of the sampling.

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.

Banking Services

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the possibility of the District moving banking services to another bank. Mr. Sanders discussed the District's current banking arrangements with Midland States Bank and Peoples National Bank. Discussion ensued. Mr. Thomason asked the Comptroller, Mr. Mike Johnston, to evaluate the challenges of changing banking services to another bank.

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Closed Session

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Ernest Collins to go into Closed Session at 9:35 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 Robert Walton and second by Paul Lawrence to come out of Closed Session at 10:18 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.

Bids / Purchases

Modules for the Membrane System at the Water Plant

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the membrane system and the purchase of four hundred twenty modules for the membrane system at the water plant.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the purchase of four hundred twenty modules and seal kits for two units of the membrane system at the water plant from Filmtec Corporation for a total cost of \$512,904, 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

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Ernest Collins to go into Closed Session at 10:40 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 John Spence to come out of Closed Session at 12:30 p.m., 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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Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Ernest Collins to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the August 28, 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.

District's Legislative Representative

Upon motion by John Spence and second by Paul Lawrence to approve a \$1,000 increase in the monthly retainer of John E. Bradley as the District's Legislative Representative, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: Collins

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Legal Services

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Todd Thomas to authorize the General Manger to negotiate and execute a retainer agreement with Jonathan Cantrell at Hart Cantrell Attorneys at Law for legal services for the District, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: Walton

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Todd Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.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