



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 October 23, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, October 23, 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; 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; and Jen Zinzilieta, Executive Assistant.

Legal Counsel: Jonathan Cantrell

Visitors: None

Minutes

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the minutes of the September 18, 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 Paul Lawrence 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 financial status of the recreation departments.
- A report was given regarding the projects and the challenges at the water plant.

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 \$730,900 and the state, in total, owes the District \$ 831,061.

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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 the condemnation issue in regards to an easement the engineering department has been trying to get signed by a landowner.
- A report was given regarding legislation being discussed that would amend the River Conservancy Districts Act in regards to increasing the compensation for Trustees.
- A report was given regarding the financial status of the District.

Report of the Department Managers

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

- A report was given regarding easement clearing that the general maintenance department will begin soon.
- A report was given regarding the status of the projects the general maintenance department is working on.

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

- A report of the maintenance, repairs, and upgrades in the water system was given.
- A report was given regarding a method to combat the frazil ice issue at the raw water intake that occurred last winter.
- A report was given regarding the inspection of the 42" pipe at the water plant.

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 the testing of the water chemistry and the chemistry adjustments for the membrane modules.
- 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 and membrane modules was given.
- A report of the plant capacity issue 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 results.
- A report was given regarding the inspection of the 42" pipe at the water plant and the restricted flow issues 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 Rend Lake Event Center.
- A report was given regarding the Wine & Art Festival at Rend Lake that was held at the Rend Lake Event Center this year.

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

- A report was given regarding occupancy at the lodge, condominiums, and cabins during the past month.
- A report was given regarding projects that will be done at the lodge during the winter months.

Mr. Jason Stille, 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.

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Appointment of District Treasurer

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Paul Lawrence to appoint Jonathon Cantrell as District Treasurer, 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 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

Portable Air Compressor for Water Plant

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the quotes received for the purchase of a portable air compressor for the lake front raw water intake.

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by John Spence to approve the purchase of a portable air compressor for the lake front raw water intake from the low quote from Roland Machinery Company for a cost of \$74,200, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Pipe & Fittings for the Raw Water Intake

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the quote received for the pipe and fittings for the raw water intake.

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Robert Walton to approve the purchase of pipe and fittings for the raw water intake from C and C Pumps & Supply for a total cost of \$27,269.89, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Sand Filter Media Replacement

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the removal of existing filter media and installing new filter media in two sand filters at the water plant. He is asking for preapproval since the bids will be opened the week after the board meeting. The estimated cost of the project is \$92,500.00

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by Paul Lawrence to preapprove the low bid to remove existing filter media and install new filter media in two sand filters at the water plant for a cost not to exceed \$92,500, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Engineering Consulting Firm

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Todd Thomas to approve hiring an engineering consulting firm for on-call work not to exceed \$100,000, the Board voted as follows:

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Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Thomas, Walton, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Zero-Turn Mower

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding three quotes received for a zero-turn lawnmower with a 72" deck for the General Maintenance Department.

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by John Spence to approve the purchase of a John Deere zero-turn lawnmower from the low quote of \$10,883.48 from John Deere in Benton, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Thomas, Walton, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Larry Sanders was recognized for his years of dedication and service to the District and presented a service award by the Board President. Mr. Sanders will be retiring in November 2023 from the District.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by John Spence to go into Closed Session at 10:30 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 Paul Lawrence and second by Nicholas LeMay to come out of Closed Session at 11:37 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 Nicholas LeMay and second by Todd Thomas to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the September 18, 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.

Collective Bargaining Agreement

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Todd Thomas to authorize Keith Thomason to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with IBEW upon acceptance of a signed contract, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Thomas, Walton, Warren
Nays: None

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Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by John Spence to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 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