

# 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 July 22, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, July 22, 2024, 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, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, and Michael Warren. Absent: John Spence

**Staff:** In physical attendance: Gary Williams, General Manager; Sean Pickford, District Engineer; Tony Furlow, IWS/Sewer Manager; Keith Vaughn, Buildings Construction and Repair Manager; Jeremy Richardson, Distribution Superintendent; Wesley Ing, Assistant Distribution Superintendent; Amy Krueger, Seasons Lodge Manager; Judith Markham, Comptroller; and Jen Zinzilieta, Office Manager.

Legal Counsel: Jonathan Cantrell

**Visitors:** Rodney Martin from Rend Lake Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc. and Brian Miller from AC Systems Incorporated

#### Minutes - Regular Meeting

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2024, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Spence

The President declared the motion carried.

#### Acceptance of Check Register

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

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

Nays: None Absent: Spence

The President declared the motion carried.

## **Report of the Executive Team**

Mr. Gary Williams, General Manager, presented the following information:

 A report was given highlighting the information provided in the General Manager's Report included in the Board packet.

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Mr. Sean Pickford, District Engineer, presented the following information:

 A report was given highlighting the information provided in the Engineer's Report included in the Board packet.

#### Report of the Managers

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 proposal that was received from Rend Lake Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc. for the replacement of the HVAC systems throughout the District.

#### **HVAC** at the Event Center

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the HVAC proposal from Rend Lake Plumbing and Heating Co., Inc. for the Rend Lake Event Center for a total cost of \$654,800, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Warren

Nays: Walton Absent: Spence

The President declared the motion carried

#### **Seasons Restaurant Equipment Purchases**

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Michael Warren to approve the purchase and replacement of a walk-in cooler & freezer and a commercial dishwasher for Seasons Restaurant from J & R Electrical for a cost of \$76,850, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None Absent: Spence

The President declared the motion carried

Mrs. Judith Markham, Comptroller, presented the following information:

- A report was given regarding the financial reports of the District.
- A report was given regarding the audit that is being performed and the scheduled completion date.

Mr. Jeremy Richardson, Distribution Superintendent, presented the following information:

- A report was given regarding the water breaks and leaks during the past month.
- A report was given regarding distribution operations of the water system.
- A report was given regarding the various projects and service taps in process throughout the distribution system.

Mr. Wesley Ing, Assistant Distribution Superintendent, presented the following information:

A report was given regarding the status of the CDL training of employees.

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 the upgrades being done and upgrades that are needed at Seasons Lodge & Condominiums such as the replacement of the air conditioning units at the condominiums.
- A discussion ensued regarding the impact of Rend Lake not having fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July has on the occupancy of the lodge.

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Mr. Tony Furlow, IWS/Sewer Manager, 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 chemical suppliers for the water plant.
- A report was given regarding the membrane system at the water plant.
- A report was given regarding the Macedonia and Nason water systems.
- A report was given regarding the sewer system and lift stations.
- · A report was given regarding the projects at the water plant.
- A report was given regarding the CDL training and CDL drug testing program.
- A safety report was given regarding the employees at the water plant.

#### District's Strategic Plan

Mr. Gary Williams reported that the District's Strategic Plan continues to be updated with the completion of projects.

#### Ordinance 318 - Tax Levy

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Robert Walton to approve Ordinance 318 – Tax Levy as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None Absent: Spence

The President declared the motion carried

#### Resolution 531 - Semi-Annual Closed Session Minutes Review

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Robert Walton to approve Resolution 531 – Semi-Annual Closed Session Minutes Review as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None Absent: Spence

The President declared the motion carried.

#### **Illinois Legislative Update**

The Illinois legislative branch is out of session so Mr. Bradley did not have a report. Mr. Gary Williams reported that SB2850 is still waiting to be signed by the Governor.

#### Adjournment

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Nicholas LeMay to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None Absent: Spence

The President declared the motion carried.

Robert Walton, Secretary

Paul Lawrence, Secretary Pro Tempore