



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 26, 2024

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

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; Amy Krueger, Seasons Lodge Manager; Jason Stilley, Golf Professional; Pete Hunter, Golf Course Superintendent; Judith Markham, Comptroller; and Jen Zinzilieta, Office Manager.

Legal Counsel: Jonathan Cantrell

Visitors: None

Minutes – Regular Meeting

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2024, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

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, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

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. Todd Thomas arrived at the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

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

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. 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 a chemistry issue at the 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.

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 and maintenance in the water system.

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

- A report was given regarding the projects that are scheduled to be done in the fall 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 throughout the District.

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

- A report was given regarding reservations at the lodge, condominiums, and cabins during the past month.

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

- A report was given regarding the impact weather has on the golf course.

Ms. Amanda Worley, Seasons Restaurant Manager, presented the following information:

- A report was given regarding the status of the restaurant.

District's Strategic Plan

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

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Bids / RFPS / Purchases

Gravity Sewer System

Upon motion by John Spence and second by Todd Thomas to approve VISU Sewer Missouri LLC to provide professional services to inspect, clean, televise, and report on the gravity sewer system of the District for a total cost of \$143,254, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Galatia Master Meter and Bonnie Master Meter Replacement

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Paul Lawrence to approve Heneghan and Associates to provide professional services for the design work to replace the Galatia master meter for a cost of \$35,000 and the Bonnie master meter for a cost of \$25,000, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Illinois Legislative Update

Mr. John Bradley provided a memorandum regarding an update on legislative matters and news that might affect the Rend Lake Conservancy District. Mr. Gary Williams reported that SB2850 was signed by the Governor and becomes effective 01/01/2025.

Ordinance 319 – Board Compensation

Upon motion by John Spence and second by Todd Thomas to approve Ordinance 319 – Increase Board Compensation and Expenses from \$3,000 to \$6,000 Annually as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

Ordinance 320 – Chief Legal Counsel

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Michael Warren to approve Ordinance 320 – Amend the Powers, Duties, and Responsibilities of Chief Legal Counsel as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

Resolution 532 – IDNR OSLAD Grant

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by John Spence to approve Resolution 532 – Authorize the General Manager to Submit an IDNR OSLAD Grant in the amount of \$300,000 as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

IDOT Resolution

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by John Spence to approve an IDOT Resolution to provide a temporary construction easement to extend the bike path as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried

Appointment of Secretary Pro Tempore

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by John Spence to appoint Paul Lawrence as the secretary pro tempore for the August 26, 2024 meeting, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by John Spence to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Walton

The President declared the motion carried.



Michael Warren, President



Robert Walton, Secretary