



# 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 December 23, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, December 23, 2024, 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, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, and Michael Warren. Absent: Nicholas LeMay and 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; Amy Krueger, Seasons Lodge Manager; Jason Stilley, Golf Professional; 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 November 25, 2024, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, Thomas, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: LeMay, Spence

The President declared the motion carried.

### Acceptance of Check Register

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

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, Thomas, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: LeMay, 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.

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.

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**Report of the Managers**

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

- A report was given regarding the financial statements of the District.

Mr. Tony Furlow, IWS/Sewer Manager, presented the following information:

- A report was given highlighting the information provided in the IWS/Sewer Manager's Report included in the Board Packet.

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 software upgrades at Seasons Lodge.

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

- A report was given regarding the pro shop remodel during the winter months.

**District's Strategic Plan**

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

**Bids / Purchases**

Golf Course Early Order Chemical Program

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Robert Walton to approve the purchase of golf course chemicals through the Early Order Chemical Program for a total amount of \$24,314, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: LeMay, Spence

Abstain: Thomas

The President declared the motion carried.

**Illinois Legislative Update**

There is not a legislative update since the Illinois General Assembly is out of session.

**Ordinance 322 – Consolidate Intercity Water and Sewerage Enterprise Funds**

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Paul Lawrence to approve Ordinance 322 – Consolidate Intercity Water and Sewerage Enterprise Funds as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, Thomas, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: LeMay, Spence

The President declared the motion carried.

**Legislative Consultation Services**

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Ernest Collins to approve the termination of the current contract with the District's legislative consultant, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, Thomas, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: LeMay, Spence

The President declared the motion carried.

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**Adjournment**

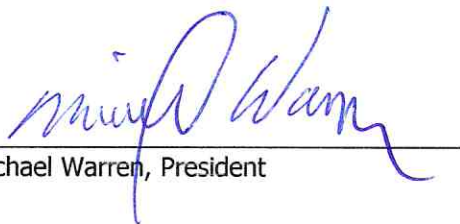
Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Todd Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, Thomas, Walton, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: LeMay, Spence

The President declared the motion carried.



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Michael Warren, President



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Robert Walton, Secretary