



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 March 24, 2025

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, March 24, 2025, 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, John Spence, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, and Michael Warren. Via telephone: Nicholas LeMay

Staff: In physical attendance: Gary Williams, General Manager; Sean Pickford, District Engineer; Jeremy Richardson, IWS Distribution Superintendent; Keith Vaughn, Buildings Construction and Repair Manager; Amy Krueger, Seasons Lodge Manager; Jason Stilley, Golf Professional; Pete Hunter, Golf Course Superintendent; Amanda Worley, Seasons Restaurant Manager; Judith Markham, Comptroller; and Jen Zinzilieta, Office Manager.

Legal Counsel: Jonathan Cantrell

Visitors: Chuck Crabtree, Business Development Manager, ME Gaming, LLC
Travis Emery, Senior Project Manager, Hanson Professional Services

Minutes – Regular Meeting

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Robert Walton to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2025, 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 Paul Lawrence and second by John Spence 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. 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 included in the Board packet.

Mr. Jeremy Richardson, IWS Distribution 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.

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

- A report was given regarding maintenance being done on the golf course preparing for the upcoming season.

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

- A report was given regarding the upgrades to the lodge and condominiums during the winter months.

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

- A report was given regarding the upgrades to the restaurant and clubhouse during the winter months.

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

- A report was given regarding the pro shop remodel and the upcoming golf season.

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

Approval of Bids/Purchases/Contracts

Upon motion by John Spence and second by Todd Thomas to approve the following items as presented to the Board:

- Approve a Contract with Shoreline Aquatics in the Amount of \$26,882.58 for Annual Maintenance of (6) Golf Course Ponds
- Approve a Contract with Hanson Professional Services in the Amount Not-to-Exceed \$350,000 for Phase 1 & 2 Engineering for the North Gun Creek Recreation Plan
- Approve a Contract with BN Inspection in the Amount of \$170,644 for Coating Inspection Service for the Christopher and Frisco Tanks
- Approve a Contract with Hanson Professional Services in the Amount of \$144,500 for Temporary Easement Acquisition/Negotiation for the West Frankfort Watermain Replacement
- Approve an Amendment to the Design Engineering Contract with HMG Engineers in the Amount of \$39,400 for the West Frankfort Watermain Replacement

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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State and Federal Legislative Update

Mr. Gary Williams provided a report which outlined the bills of interest that could affect the District.

Proposed Budget May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the Proposed Budget Year Ending April 30, 2026 for public review 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.

Schedule Public Budget Hearing – April 28, 2025 at 8:25 a.m.

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the public budget hearing for April 28, 2025 at 8:25 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.

MT Realty Ground Lease Extension

Upon motion by John Spence and second by Todd Thomas to approve the MT Realty Ground Lease Extension 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.

Lease of Real Estate to E.T. Simonds Construction Company

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by John Spence to approve the lease of real estate to E.T. Simonds Construction Company in the amount of \$1,500/month 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.

Ordinance 325 – Discount Policy

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Paul Lawrence to adopt Ordinance 325 – RLCD Discount Policy 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.

Resolution 537 and Resolution 538 – Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by John Spence to adopt Resolution 537 – Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network and Resolution 538 – an Intergovernmental Agreement Providing for Membership in the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network 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.

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Resolution 539 – Obliging \$1,010,815.61 in Matching Funds for a DRA Community Infrastructure Grant

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by John Spence to adopt Resolution 539 – Obliging \$1,010,815.61 in Matching Funds for a DRA Community Infrastructure Grant 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.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Robert Walton to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 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