



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 27, 2025

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, October 27, 2025, at the Rend Lake Event Center, 14967 Gun Creek Trail, Whittington, IL. Vice-President Nicholas LeMay called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The following attended:

Board of Trustees: In physical attendance: Paul Lawrence, Nicholas LeMay, John Spence, and Robert Walton. Absent: Ernest Collins, Todd Thomas, and Michael Warren.

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; Pete Hunter, Golf Course Superintendent; Judith Markham, Comptroller; and Jen Zinzilieta, Office Manager.

Legal Counsel: Jonathan Cantrell

Visitors: Attorney J. Nelson Wood regarding Sugar Camp Energy, LLC Subsidence Agreement and Justin Stevens owner of Blackberry Hollow Farm

Minutes – Regular Meeting

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by John Spence to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2025 Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton

Nays: None

Absent: Collins, Thomas, Warren

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

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

Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton

Nays: None

Absent: Collins, Thomas, Warren

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Report of the Executive Team & Managers

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.

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

- A report was given regarding the financial statements included in the Board packet.

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.

Lease of Property to Blackberry Hollow Farm

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by John Spence to approve the lease of property referred to as Farm Lease 5317, Tract 8729, Lots 15 & 16 to Blackberry Hollow Farm as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton

Nays: None

Absent: Collins, Thomas, Warren

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Subsidence Agreement with Sugar Camp Energy, LLC

Upon motion by John Spence and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the subsidence agreement with Sugar Camp Energy, LLC as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton

Nays: None

Absent: Collins, Thomas, Warren

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

District's Strategic Plan

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

Solar Energy Options

Mr. Gary Williams presented updated information regarding the solar energy options for the District.

Discussion ensued. No action was taken.

Bids / RFPs / Purchases / Contracts

Various Items Discussed and Approved

Upon motion by John Spence and second by Robert Walton to approve the following items:

- Engineering Services Agreement with Benton Engineering/Carollo Engineers for Water Treatment Plant Evaluation and Planning Study in the amount of \$345,000;
- Engineering Services Agreement with Heneghan & Associates in the amount of \$57,800 to design emergency bypass piping for three booster pump stations;
- Engineering Services Agreement with Heneghan & Associates in the amount of \$77,500 to design an 18" water main serving Spring Garden;
- Contract with Midco Diving & Marine Services in the amount of \$25,510 to inspect and dredge the raw water intake at the Water Treatment Plant;
- Purchase of golf course chemicals through the Early Order Chemical Program for a total amount of \$40,000;
- A Credentials Certificate for the Illinois Association of Park Districts;
- Signatures on an Engagement Letter with Kerber, Eck & Braeckel LLP to provide FY2026 Audit Services;

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- Lighting Replacement Contract with Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$ 6,925.65 to replace fluorescent lighting at the Rend Lake Event Center;
- Lighting Replacement Contract with Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$7,214.79 to replace fluorescent lighting at recreation properties;

The Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton

Nays: None

Absent: Collins, Thomas, Warren

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

State and Federal Legislative Update

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

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by John Spence to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the September 22, 2025, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton

Nays: None

Absent: Collins, Thomas, Warren

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment


Upon motion by John Spence and second by Paul Lawrence to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Walton

Nays: None

Absent: Collins, Thomas, Warren

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.


Michael Warren, President
~~Robert Walton, Secretary~~
Paul Lawrence, Secretary Pro-Tempore