



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 February 23, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, February 23, 2026, 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: Paul Lawrence, Nicholas LeMay, John Spence, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, and Michael Warren. Via Telephone: Ernest Collins

Staff: In physical attendance: Gary Williams, General Manager; Tony Furlow, IWS / Sewer Manager; Sean Pickford, District Engineer; Keith Vaughn, Buildings Construction and Repair Manager; Amy Krueger, Seasons Lodge Manager; Jason Stillely, Golf Professional; Judith Markham, Comptroller; and Jen Zinzilieta, Office Manager.

Legal Counsel: Jonathan Cantrell

Board Member Attend Via Telephone

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by Nicholas LeMay to permit Ernest Collins to attend and vote in the meeting via telephone, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Visitors: John Gulley

Minutes – Rescheduled Meeting

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Robert Walton to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2026 Rescheduled 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 Robert Walton by 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.

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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.

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 summarizing the information provided in the IWS / Sewer Manager’s Report included in the Board packet.

Mr. Keith Vaughn, Mr. Jason Stilley, and Mrs. Amy Krueger each delivered a departmental status report.

District’s Strategic Plan

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

Bids / RFPs / Purchases / Contracts

Hanson Professional Services

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Todd Thomas to approve Task Order #4 with Hanson Professional Services in the amount of \$66,500 to complete environmental clearances for the North Gun Creek Recreation Project, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

B&N Inspection Contract

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by John Spence to approve the B&N Inspection Contract for \$64,703.20 for the inspection of the Frisco Water Tower and the Christopher Ground Storage Tanks Rehab, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Ordinance 330 – To Establish Water Rates

Upon motion by John Spence and second by Robert Walton to approve Ordinance 330 – To Establish Water Rates with the following schedule of a water rate increase effective May 1, 2026, consisting of a three-year wholesale rate increase of five percent (5%) annually and a five-year non-municipal rate increase of 3%, 3%, 3.5%, 3.5%, and 3%, respectively, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: LeMay

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

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Ordinance 331 – Amending Annual Tax Levy Ordinance 328 for RLCD

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by John Spence to approve Ordinance 331 – Amending Annual Tax Levy Ordinance 328 for RLCD 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.

Economic Interest Statements

The Board was presented with the Economic Interest Statements that are required to be completed by each member and filed with the Franklin County Clerk and Recorder each year per the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Nicholas LeMay to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 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