



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 23, 2026

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

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 Stilley, Golf Professional; and Judith Markham, Comptroller.

Legal Counsel: Jonathan Cantrell

Visitors: None

Minutes – Regular Meeting

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and a second by Ernest Collins to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2026 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 Robert Walton and a 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 & 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.

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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

Accounting Software FE NXT Renewal

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and a second by Todd Thomas to approve a three-year renewal for the accounting software FE NXT, with annual costs of \$25,472.52, \$25,580.04, and \$25,696.16, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Professional Project Services Agreement with MunicipalH2O

Upon motion by Robert Walton and a second by Paul Lawrence to approve a Professional Project Services Agreement with MunicipalH2O for AWIA Compliance Services in the amount of \$19,500, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Proposed Budget May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2027

Mr. Gary Williams presented the proposed budget year ending April 30, 2027 for public review. Discussion ensued.

Schedule Public Budget Hearing – April 27, 2026 at 8:25 a.m.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and a second by John Spence to approve the public budget hearing for April 27, 2026 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.

Solar Feasibility Studies for Recreation Properties

Mr. Gary Williams shared details on the solar feasibility studies for the District's recreational properties and will proceed with issuing a Request for Proposals to vendors for a Power Purchase Agreement.

State and Federal Legislative Update

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

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Adjournment

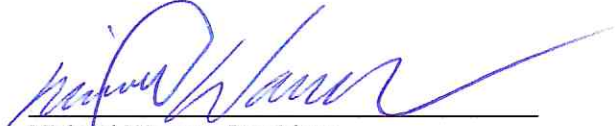
Upon motion by Ernest Collins and a second by Robert Walton to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.



Michael Warren, President



~~Robert Walton, Secretary~~
Nicholas LeMay, Secretary Pro Tempore