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 April 27, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, April 27, 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, and Michael Warren. Absent: Robert Walton

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

Legal Counsel: Jonathan Cantrell

Visitors: None

Minutes – Regular Meeting
Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and a second by Paul Lawrence to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Thomas, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: Collins, Walton
The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register
Upon motion by John Spence and a second by Todd Thomas to accept the Check Register as presented, the Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Thomas, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: Collins, Walton
The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Ernest Collins arrived at the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

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.

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 Vaugn, Mr. Jason Stilley, Mr. Pete Hunter, 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

Golf Course Chemical Bids
Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and a second by Nicholas LeMay to award the bid for the golf course chemicals to the lowest bidder for each chemical, and award the bid when the price is the same due to agency pricing to any of the approved bidders, the Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: Walton
Abstain: Thomas
The President declared the motion carried.

Renewal of Workers' Compensation Insurance
Upon motion by Todd Thomas and a second by John Spence to approve the renewal of the workers' compensation insurance with Encova Insurance for a total policy premium of $94,021, the Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Thomas, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: Walton
The President declared the motion carried.

Change Order #2 for the Mt. Vernon Parallel Water Main Project
Upon motion by John Spence and a second by Paul Lawrence to approve Change Order #2 in the amount of $47,675.37 for the Mt. Vernon Parallel Water Main Project to purchase surplus project materials, the Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Thomas, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: Walton
The President declared the motion carried.

Purchase of Three (3) Vehicles
Upon motion by Ernest Collins and a second by John Spence to approve the purchase of three (3) vehicles not to exceed the total amount of $183,748 using the Illinois BidBuy Procurement Program, the Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Thomas, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: Walton
The 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.

Ordinance 332 – Annual Budget and Appropriation May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2027

Upon motion by John Spence and a second by Todd Thomas to approve Ordinance 332 – Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2027 as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Thomas, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: Walton
The President declared the motion carried.

Secretary Pro Tempore

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and a second by Todd Thomas to appoint Nicholas LeMay as Secretary Pro Tempore, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Thomas, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: Walton
The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

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

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Thomas, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: Walton
The President declared the motion carried.

Michael Warren, President

Robert Walton, Secretary