



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 May 26, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 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; Pete Hunter, Golf Course Superintendent, and Jen Zinzilieta, Office Manager.

Legal Counsel: Jonathan Cantrell

Visitors: None

Minutes – Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and a second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2026 Public Hearing and 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 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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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 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

Contract for the Chlorine Dioxide Building Replacement

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and a second by Paul Lawrence to award a contract for the Chlorine Dioxide Building Replacement to Samron Midwest Contracting of Murphysboro, IL in the amount of \$1,455,187, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Emergency Purchase of a Variable Frequency Drive

Mr. Gary Williams informed the board that an emergency purchase of a variable frequency drive in the amount of \$48,158 was made during the previous month.

Contract for Removal and Disposal of Unused Chemicals

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and a second by John Spence to award a contract for removal and disposal of unused chemicals to Midwest Service Group of St. Louis, MO in the amount of \$27,391, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Election of Officers

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and a second by Todd Thomas to retain all officers from the 2025-2026 term for the 2026-2027 term which are Michael Warren, President; Nicholas LeMay, Vice-President; Robert Walton, Secretary; and Jonathan Cantrell, Treasurer, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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.

Golf Course Long-Term Vision

A discussion was held regarding the long-term vision of the golf course. The item was discussed for informational purposes only, and no vote was taken.

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Adjournment

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and a second by Paul Lawrence 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