



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 August 24, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, August 24, 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.

Staff: In physical attendance: Gary Williams, General Manager; Tony Furlow, IWS / Sewer Manager; Sean Pickford, District Engineer; Keith Vaughn, Buildings Construction and Repair Manager; and Jen Zinzilieta, Office Manager.

Legal Counsel: Jonathan Cantrell

Visitors: Mr. Richard Straeter

Minutes – Regular Meeting

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and a second by John Spence to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: 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 Todd Thomas to accept the Check Register as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: 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. Williams also presented a report summarizing the financial statements included in the Board Packet in the comptroller's absence.

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 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 to Purchase Tank Mixers for Water Storage Tanks

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and a second by Nicholas LeMay to award the contract to Stellar Waterworks of Dickinson, North Dakota, in the amount of \$128,912.50 to purchase (10) tank mixers for water storage tanks in Mt. Vernon (2), West Frankfort (2), Christopher (2), McLeansboro, Whittington, Frisco, and Rend Lake College, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Contract to Install Tank Mixers for Water Storage Tanks

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and a second by John Spence to award the contract to Loyd Electric & Ag Supply, LLC of Sesser, Illinois, in the amount of \$94,950 to install (10) tank mixers for water storage tanks in Mt. Vernon (2), West Frankfort (2), Christopher (2), McLeansboro, Whittington, Frisco, and Rend Lake College, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Contract for Clearwell Seal Plate Replacement

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and a second by Robert Walton to award the contract to Samron Midwest Contracting of Murphysboro, Illinois, in the amount of \$234,000 for Clearwell Seal Plate Replacement at the RLCD Water Treatment Plant, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Contract for Bonnie Master Meter Replacement

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and a second by Paul Lawrence to award the contract to J.K. Trotter and Sons, Inc. of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, in the amount of \$165,642.76 for the Bonnie Master Meter Replacement, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

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Designate General Manager as "Principal Authority" for Illinois Funds and/or E-Pay Systems

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and a second by John Spence to designate the General Manager, Gary Williams, as the "Principal Authority" for Illinois Funds and/or E-Pay Systems, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Priority Power/Community Solar Proposal/Contract

The Board discussed the Priority Power/Community Solar Proposal/Contract. No action was taken.

State and Federal Legislative Update

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

Adjournment

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.



Michael Warren, President

Robert Walton, Secretary