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 September 28, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, September 28, 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 were in attendance:

Board of Trustees: Paul Lawrence, Nicholas LeMay, John Spence, Richard Straeter, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, and Michael Warren.

Staff: Gary Williams, General Manager; Tony Furlow, IWS / Sewer Manager; Sean Pickford, District Engineer; Shawn Etheridge, Project Manager; Keith Vaughn, Buildings Construction and Repair Manager; Pete Hunter, Golf Course Superintendent; Amy Krueger, Seasons Lodge Manager; Judith Markham, Comptroller, and Jen Zinzilieta, Office Manager.

Legal Counsel: Jonathan Cantrell

Visitors: David McCuan, Lessee, Rend Lake Shooting Complex; Kyle Harfst, Ph.D., Research Associate, SIU Office of Innovation & Economic Development; Lynn Andersen Lindberg, Chief Innovation Officer, SIU Office of Innovation & Economic Development; and Phillip Lindberg

Presentation
Kyle Harfst, Ph.D., representing the SIU Office of Innovation and Economic Development, presented the preliminary findings of an economic impact analysis to the Board.

Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting
Upon motion by Paul Lawrence, seconded by John Spence, the Board approved the minutes of the August 24, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented. The Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Straeter, Thomas, Walton, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register
Upon motion by John Spence, seconded by Todd Thomas, the Board approved the Check Register as presented. The Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Straeter, Thomas, Walton, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Business Agreement with David McCuan
Upon motion by Paul Lawrence, seconded by Nicholas LeMay, the Board approved a Business Agreement with David McCuan for the lease of the Rend Lake Shooting Complex. The Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Straeter, 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 a report highlighting information contained in the General Manager's Report included in the Board packet.

Mr. Sean Pickford, District Engineer, presented a report highlighting information contained in the Engineer's Report included in the Board packet.

Mrs. Judith Markham, Comptroller, presented a report regarding the financial statements included in the Board packet.

Mr. Tony Furlow, IWS / Sewer Manager, presented a report summarizing information contained in the IWS / Sewer Manager's Report included in the Board packet.

Mr. Keith Vaughn, Buildings Construction and Repair Manager; Mr. Pete Hunter, Golf Course Superintendent; and Mrs. Amy Krueger, Seasons Lodge Manager, each presented a departmental status report.

District's Strategic Plan
Mr. Gary Williams reported that the District's Strategic Plan continues to be updated as projects are completed.

Bids / RFPs / Purchases / Contracts

Contract for the Inspection & Refurbishment of the High Service and Raw Water Pumps
Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay, seconded by John Spence, the Board awarded the contract to C&C Pumps & Supply, Inc. of Marion, Illinois, in the amount of $172,843 for the inspection and refurbishment of the high service and raw water pumps at the water treatment plant. The Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Straeter, Thomas, Walton, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Contract for the Replacement of Flowserve Limitorque Filter Valve Actuators
Upon motion by John Spence, seconded by Paul Lawrence, the Board awarded the contract to Mead O'Brien of St. Louis, Missouri, in the amount of $82,880 for replacement of flowserve limitorque filter valve actuators at the water treatment plant. The Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Straeter, Thomas, Walton, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Contract to Replace the Golf Course Irrigation Pump
Upon motion by Todd Thomas, seconded by Richard Straeter, the Board awarded the contract to C&C Pumps & Supply, Inc. of Marion, Illinois, in the amount of $339,678 to replace the golf course irrigation pump. The Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Straeter, Thomas, Walton, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Resolution 546 – Appropriating Matching Funds for IDOT Project Number GH93(521) – North Gun Creek Recreation Area
Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay, seconded by Richard Straeter, the Board approved Resolution 546 – Appropriating Matching Funds for IDOT Project Number GH93(521) – North Gun Creek Recreation Area as presented. The Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Straeter, Thomas, Walton, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Engagement Letter with Kerber, Eck, and Braeckel, LLP for the FY 2026 Audit
Upon motion by Paul Lawrence, seconded by John Spence, the Board authorized the Board Chairman and General Manager to execute an Engagement Letter with Kerber, Eck, and Braeckel, LLP for the FY 2026 audit. The Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Straeter, Thomas, Walton, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Agreement with Johnston City for Remote Water Tower Level Control
Upon motion by Richard Straeter, seconded by John Spence, the Board authorized the General Manager to execute an agreement with Johnston City for Remote Water Tower Level Control. The Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Straeter, 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 on the matter.

Ordinance 335 – Authorizing the Board of Trustees to Name Certain Assets
Upon motion by Todd Thomas, seconded by Paul Lawrence, the Board approved Ordinance 335 – Authorizing the Board of Trustees to name certain assets as presented. The Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Straeter, Thomas, Walton, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: None
The President declared the motion carried.

State and Federal Legislative Update
Mr. Gary Williams provided a report outlining legislative matters of interest that may affect the District.

Adjournment
Upon motion by Robert Walton, seconded by John Spence, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. The Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Lawrence, LeMay, Spence, Straeter, Thomas, Walton, Warren
Nays: None
Absent: None
The President declared the motion carried.

Michael Warren, President

Robert Walton, Secretary