



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 October 22, 2018

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, October 22, 2018, at the Rend Lake Conservancy District Administration Office, 11231 Marcum Branch Road, Benton, Illinois. President Todd Thomas 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, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, and Keith Ward; Absent: Kisha Jackson

Staff: Keith Thomason, General Manager; Michael Johnston, Comptroller; Leonard Killman, Water Plant Superintendent; and Jen Zinzilietta, Executive Assistant; Via telephone: Larry Sanders, Legal Counsel

Pledge of Allegiance

Visitors: None

Minutes

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2018, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

Board members reviewed the check register. Management answered questions presented by the Board.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Keith Ward to accept the Check Register as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson

The President declared the motion carried.

General Manager's Report

Mr. Thomason presented the General Manager's report covering the following items:

- Report of the daily average and maximum flows of drinking water was given
- The new high service pump has been evaluated and the manufacturer believes something was sucked up into the pump which caused the damage to the pump. Discussion ensued regarding the warranty of the pump.
- The spare pump has been repaired by RLCD staff and is expected to be back in service this week.

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- Staff has reviewed the atrazine sample data for 2018. Low levels of atrazine are present in the samples. All finished water samples were less than 0.1 ppm which is below quantification limits. RLCD staff will continue to collect data to develop a better understanding of farm chemical impact on lake water quality.

High Service Pump Repair

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the repairs needed to the high service pump under protest, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson

The President declared the motion carried.

General Manager's Report Continued

- Staff is working towards a switch from aqua ammonia to ammonium sulfate to remedy the ammonia vapor problem in the 3rd floor chemical room. A permit has been submitted to the IEPA. Testing will begin as soon as the permit is approved.
- A no injury wreck occurred involving a water vehicle. Insurance paid for the value of the vehicle minus the deductible. A replacement vehicle has been ordered.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Todd Thomas to go into Closed Session at 8:55 a.m. to consider: (1) Personnel (For the Discussion of the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal); (2) Collective Negotiations (For the Discussion of Collective Negotiating Matters); (6) Sale, Purchase or Lease of Property (For the Setting of a Price for Sale, Purchase or Lease of Property); (8) Security (For discussion of security procedures); (11) Litigation (For the Discussion of Pending, Probable or Imminent); and (21) Closed Session Minutes (For the Discussion of Closed Session Minutes); the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Nicholas LeMay to come out of Closed Session at 10:05 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson

The President declared the motion carried.

General Manager's Report Continued

- A two person trip injury occurred this month at the water plant. One person was admitted to the hospital and is currently off work. The other person had bruising and is back to work.
- Triannual lead and copper testing resulted in two samples above the action level which triggers requirements for RLCD to provide public notice and education on ways to maximize water quality in drinking water for older homes that have lead solder and copper water lines. It also requires RLCD to alter water treatment as needed to improve corrosion control in people's homes.
- Golf course is in good condition but is behind in budgeted revenues.
- Lodge revenues are also down. End of season repairs at the lodge are underway.
- The restaurant feedback continues to be good.

Financial Report

Mr. Johnston presented the financial report for the month of September. Mr. Johnston reported that Big Muddy Prison owed the District \$625,845.88 and the state, in total, owed the District \$679,979.85.

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Engineering Projects

Mr. Thomason provided an update on the following engineering projects:

Secondary WTP Discharge Line

Mr. Thomason reported the contractor has begun work on the project and the expected completion is summer of 2019. The pipe has been laid out along the project and the boring under Interstate 57 and Highway 37 should begin this week.

Water Plant Roof Repair

Mr. Thomason reported that the repair on the water plant roof is underway and should take about a month to complete.

Season's Condominiums Roof Repair

The roof at Season's Condominiums was repaired and the work is completed.

Bids and Purchases

Payment to HeplerBroom Law Firm

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Paul Lawrence to approve payment to HeplerBroom Law Firm for the contingency fee of \$42,000, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson

The President declared the motion carried.

Gasoline & Diesel Fuel Bid

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the gasoline and diesel fuel bid from Wabash Valley Service Co. which was the only bidder, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson

The President declared the motion carried.

Building to Enclose WTP Switchgear

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the five bids received for the metal building that will enclose the water plant switchgear. The bids ranged from \$23,000 - \$53,966. The low bid was received from Johannes Construction Company.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the 32' x 24' metal building to enclose the water plant switchgear from the low bidder, Johannes Construction Company, for a cost of \$23,000, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson

The President declared the motion carried.

Metal Warehouse Building

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the five bids received for the metal building for warehouse fittings. The bids ranged from \$96,500 - \$133,382. The low bid was received from Evrard Strang.

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the 60' x 80' metal warehouse building for warehouse fittings from the low bidder, Evrard Strang, for a cost of \$96,500, the Board voted as follows:

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

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the September 24, 2018, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward
Nays: None
Absent: Jackson
The President declared the motion carried.

IDNR Lake Maintenance Bill

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Robert Walton to approve management to issue a check under protest to the IDNR for the lake maintenance bill and to defend against the lawsuit concerning future bills, the Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward
Nays: None
Absent: Jackson
The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Nicholas LeMay to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m., the Board voted as follows:
Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Walton, Ward
Nays: None
Absent: Jackson
The President declared the motion carried.



Todd Thomas, President



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