



# REND LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE REND LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT HELD May 6, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a special meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, via teleconference. President Todd Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The following attended:

**Board of Trustees:** In attendance via telephone: Ernest Collins, Paul Lawrence, Nicholas LeMay, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, Keith Ward, and Michael Warren

**Staff:** In attendance via telephone: Keith Thomason, General Manager; Larry Sanders, General Counsel; Michael Johnston, Comptroller; Amy Krueger, Manager of Season's Lodge and Condominiums; Jason Stille, Golf Professional; Pete Hunter, Golf Course Superintendent; and Jen Zinzilieta, Executive Assistant

**Visitors:** None

### General Manager's Report

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

- Update on how the District is responding to the Coronavirus Pandemic.
  - The District is ensuring that all employees have PPE including masks available to them.
  - The District is also a distributor for southern Illinois of reusable face masks being provided to Illinois water and wastewater workers from FEMA.
- Ameren is installing a new gas line by Hwy 37 near the Baptist Camp Road. The District's part-time engineer is working with Ameren to ensure that RLCD's water main is not damaged during the construction.
- The full-time engineer that was hired before the Coronavirus Pandemic has given notice to his employer. His scheduled start date with RLCD is June 1, 2020.

### Ordinance 298 – Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance

Mr. Johnston briefed the Board on some updates to the proposed annual budget. He received the actual cost of the workers' compensation rates for the year so that expense was updated in the budget. He also updated the debt amortization rates for the golf course and lodge that was voted on at the April 6, 2020 meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed RLCD annual budget and capital budget.

Upon motion by Michael Warren and second by Todd Thomas to approve Ordinance 298 – Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance with two changes to the capital budget. The changes are to add \$50,000 to the Lodge - Pool/Bldg. line of the capital budget and to add \$50,000 to the Golf Course - Golf Mowing Equipment line of the capital budget, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

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**Water Rates**

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the 2.5% water increase that was to go into effect on May 1, 2020. Several towns have contacted RLCD asking if the District would not raise rates because of the financial strain the Coronavirus Pandemic has caused for many communities and residents of southern Illinois. Discussion ensued.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Ernest Collins to postpone the increase of the water rates scheduled for May 1, 2020 for 90 days, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: Walton

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

**Internet Provider**

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the current internet provider. The current provider's contract has expired. Clear Wave Communications has presented a 5-year contract for fiber optics for the Rend Lake Conservancy District.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the change of the internet provider to Clear Wave Communications for the District, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Keith Ward to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

  
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Todd Thomas, President

  
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Robert Walton, Secretary