



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 January 28, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, January 28, 2019, 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, Keith Ward, and Michael Warren

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Visitors: Mr. Rob Wielt, Affordable Gas & Electric

Mr. Wielt addressed the Board regarding the Electric Supply Contract Bid that was going to be voted on during the meeting. He also stated that his company offers solar energy power and would be interested in speaking more about it if the Board and management would like to set up a meeting.

Minutes

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Michael Warren to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2018, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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
- IDNR lake maintenance bill update was given. Discussion ensued regarding the Board sending a letter to RLCD's senators and representatives to ask for assistance with this matter.

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- Management is evaluating the distribution system and the upgrades that are needed. Mr. Thomason brought up the areas of concern within the distribution system. The pipeline failure this past summer has highlighted the need to speed up the 25-year capital project plan to a 10-year capital project plan.
- The chemistry optimization has been performed by the outside engineering expert and RLCD is waiting on the final report.
- RLCD has performed proactive lead monitoring in two houses that had results above the action level. The District is scheduled to collect additional lead and copper samples between March and June to verify that levels from home plumbing components are safe for our customers. RLCD is looking for more homes to have available for the sample testing.
- Management was not able to meet with FEMA regarding repayment of the grant funding for the Rend Lake Bypass Project since the federal government was shut down last month.
- Management is working on "Shovel Ready" projects for the proposed funding assistance from the State Capital Program.
- The water plant management and staff are taking a proactive approach to the extreme weather conditions regarding the outdoor clarifiers and outdoor intake screen.
- Safety: No injuries to report this period.

Financial Report

Mr. Johnston presented the financial report for the month of December. Mr. Johnston reported that Big Muddy Prison owed the District \$525,067.62 and the state, in total, owed the District \$577,587.87.

Engineering Projects

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

Secondary WTP Discharge Line

Mr. Thomason reported the contractor has completed the bore under Interstate 57 and has laid pipe from Interstate 57 to the connection at the water plant. The contractor has not completed the bore under Highway 37 because the contractor hit rock and then due to the rising water in the area of the bore. The contractor is currently working in the area east of Highway 37 on Benton Camp Road. The District Engineer is working with Frontier Communications regarding moving Frontier's current lines on the south side of Benton Camp Road because they are located where RLCD's new secondary water plant discharge pipe will be located. Work will continue as weather allows.

36" North Discharge Rehabilitation

Repairs need to be made to the 36" north discharge on a piece of piping that has failed at the concrete interface. RLCD staff is working on a plan to disassemble the 36" piping and a professional welder will weld a piece of pipe to the inside of the damaged pipe which is approximately a four-foot section. Repairs are scheduled during the winter/spring months when water flow is lower.

Leased Facilities Update

Mr. Sanders gave a report on the leased facilities.

- Restaurant: Overall, the restaurant has received good feedback from the customers and recreation managers.
- Farmers: All farmers have paid according to their contracts. Winter wheat has been planted.

Recreation Facilities Update

Mr. Sanders gave a report on the recreation facilities.

- The third cabin is in the process of being built. March 1, 2019 is the target date to begin renting it.
- Staff from the Rend Lake Golf Course and Season's Lodge will be at the St. Louis Golf Expo in St. Louis on February 8-10 promoting the Rend Lake Golf Complex.
- A billboard campaign on Interstate 70 promoting the Rend Lake Golf Complex is being worked on.

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Bids and Purchases

Secondary WTP Discharge Line Project – Change Order

Mr. Thomason requested approval for payment to Frontier Communications for \$13,573.64 to relocate cables and wires on the south side of Benton Camp Road. Frontier's current lines are where RLCD's new secondary water plant discharge pipe will be located.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the payment to Frontier Communications for \$13,573.64 to relocate cable and wires on the south side of Benton Camp Road, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Electric Supply Contract

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the five bids for the electric supply contract. The low bid was from Constellation Energy for \$0.04453 per kWh for 36 months.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Michael Warren to approve the low bid from Constellation Energy for the electric supply contract bid for 36 months at \$0.04453 per kWh, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

300 HP Motor Replacement

Mr. Thomason presented the bids for the purchase of the 300 HP replacement motor for the failed motor at the Christopher Pump Station. Four bids were received that ranged from \$13,887.70 - \$23,930.00. The low bid was for a WEG motor from Brazil for \$13,887.70. The next lowest bid was for a US Emerson motor for \$15,960.35. Both bids were from Mt. Vernon Electric. Discussion ensued.

Upon motion by Michael Warren and second by Keith Ward to approve the purchase from Mt. Vernon Electric for the US Emerson motor for \$15,960.35, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

McClerren's Masonry

Mr. Thomason requested approval for payment to McClerren's Masonry for \$4,650.00 for repairs to the damaged brick retaining wall at the administration office caused by a tree falling on it. RLCD staff cleaned up most of the fallen tree. Davis Tree Service was hired to remove the large section of the tree and for the final stages of the cleanup. RLCD received an insurance check for \$6,650.00 for loss due to the accident.

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the payment to McClerren's Masonry for \$4,650.00 for repairs to the damaged brick retaining wall at the administration office, 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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Rotary Cutter

Mr. Thomason presented the three bids for the rotary cutter. The low bid was from F.B. McAfoos for a Bush Hog Brand rotary cutter for \$3,277.00. The other low bid of \$3,277.00 was for a rotary cutter that did not meet the bid specifications.

Upon motion by Michael Warren and second by Keith Ward to approve the low bid from F.B. McAfoos for a Bush Hog Brand rotary cutter for \$3,277.00, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Installation of Manway in Aqua Ammonia Storage Tanks

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the bids for the installation of a side manway in two aqua ammonia storage tanks. The low bid was from Duratech Corporation for \$5,200.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Michael Warren to approve the low bid from Duratech Corporation for the installation of a side manway in two aqua ammonia storage tanks for \$5,200, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

300 HP Vertical Turbine Pump Repair

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the bids for the repairs to the 300 HP vertical turbine pump. The bids for the repairs ranged from \$38,071 - \$46,657. The low bid was from Buchanan Pump Service & Supply, Inc. for \$38,071.

Upon motion by Michael Warren and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the low bid from Buchanan Pump Service & Supply, Inc. for the repairs to the 300 HP vertical turbine pump for \$38,071, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Mt. Vernon Booster Pump Station Emergency Pipe Materials

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the bids for the Mt. Vernon booster pump station emergency pipe materials. During a critical area inspection and evaluation, it was discovered that the pipe is deteriorating and in need of repairs. The pipe materials are needed for a temporary above ground bypass. The low bid for the emergency pipe materials was from IMCO for \$10,644.80.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Michael Warren to approve the low bid from IMCO for the emergency pipe materials for \$10,644.80, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Secondary WTP Discharge Line Interconnect Materials

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding materials needed to connect the new 36" line to the original 36" line utilizing a 24" tapping sleeve and valve. The work will be completed by RLCD staff and will consist of approximately 120 feet of pipeline. The low quote for the materials was from American DI Pipe for \$17,035.45.

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Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Keith Ward to approve the purchase of materials to connect the new 36" line to the original 36" line from American DI Pipe for \$17,035.45, the Board voted as follows:

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

Resolution 507 – Semi-Annual Closed Session Minutes Review

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Paul Lawrence to approve Resolution 507 – Semi-Annual Closed Session Minutes Review as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Conflict of Interest

Mr. Thomason presented the Franklin County and Rend Lake Conservancy District Conflict of Interest forms for the Board to complete.

Chamber of Commerce Membership Fees

Mr. Thomason presented the membership fees and requested approval for payment for the Benton/West City Chamber of Commerce, West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce, Sesser Chamber of Commerce, and Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the payment of the membership fees for the Benton/West City Chamber of Commerce, West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce, Sesser Chamber of Commerce, and Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, the Board voted as follows:

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

Closed Session Minutes


Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the December 17, 2018, Regular Meeting as presented, 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 Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 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.



Todd Thomas, President



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