



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 February 26, 2018

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, February 26, 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, Kisha Jackson, Paul Lawrence, Nicholas LeMay, Todd Thomas, Robert Walton, and Keith Ward

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:

State Representative Dave Severin, James Rippy, and John Lewis

Mr. Thomason invited Dave Severin and Dale Fowler to the board meeting to thank them for their grant support.

Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Kisha Jackson to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2018 meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

Board members reviewed the check register. Management provided information and clarification to questions asked by board members.

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

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

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:

- IEPA water requirements continue to be met
- Report of the daily average and maximum flows of drinking water was given
- The new water main that supplies the Carterville meter station has been placed in service. Spring clean-up and construction seeding is still required.

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- The Spruce Road Project has been delayed because of weather and is expected to begin in March.
- The Peach Orchard Project will follow the Spruce Road Project. RLCD is also preparing to work on the corner of Bandyville Road by the SI Airport.
- Report of water and sewer leaks was given
- IDOT roadway work is almost complete. Services and main relocation is done. Seeding will be done as weather permits.
- Golf revenues are behind the budgeted revenues for the year
- Season's Lodge is ahead of budgeted revenues for the year
- Season's Lodge is continuing with the installation of the new carpet in the hallways and the rooms with the worst carpet. Season's Lodge is hosting guests of the hunting dog trials.
- Safety – no accidents this month

Financial Report

Mr. Johnston presented the financial report for the month of January. Mr. Johnston reported that Big Muddy Prison owed the District \$661,494.88 and the state, in total, owed the District \$709,385.82.

Mr. Thomason stated that RLCD has received a check for \$10,000 from Ameren Illinois Company for damages during Ameren's pole replacement project last fall.

Leased Facilities

Mr. Sanders reported on the leased facilities of the District.

- Farms: Mr. Sanders reported wheat had been planted. The farmer is currently unsure about the productivity of the wheat crop.
- Restaurant: Mr. Sanders reported the restaurant will be discussed in closed session.
- Shooting Complex: Mr. Sanders reported a water line froze and busted at the Rend Lake Shooting Complex because of the weather. Repairs were made to the area of the building that was damaged.
- Rent Lake Resort: Mr. Sanders reported the Rend Lake Conservancy District had submitted a proposal for the Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area Concession Lease at the Rend Lake Resort. No decision by the state of Illinois has been made at this time.
- US Army Corp of Engineers: Rend Lake Conservancy District and the US Army Corp of Engineers had a very positive meeting regarding recreational ideas around the Rend Lake area.
- Cabin Rental: The cabins are being advertised on VRBO and additional ad campaigns are being discussed.

Bids and Purchases

Peach Orchard Road Project

Mr. Thomason presented the quotes for materials for the Peach Orchard Road Project and recommended the Board approve the lowest qualified quote of \$13,050.00.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the lowest qualified quote for materials for the Peach Orchard Road Project for an amount of \$13,050.00, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Crenshaw Road Project

Mr. Thomason presented the quotes for materials for the Crenshaw Road Project and recommended the Board approve the lowest qualified quote of 6,155.94.

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the lowest qualified quote for materials for the Crenshaw Road Project for an amount of \$6,155.94, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Turbidimeters

Mr. Thomason presented information about purchasing fifteen new turbidimeters and the purpose of a turbidimeter. The turbidimeters that RLCD currently have in operation are being phased out. The cost for maintenance of the current turbidimeters is approximately \$8,000 per year. The cost of purchasing fifteen new turbidimeters would be approximately \$30,000. The maintenance cost of the new turbidimeters would be approximately \$500 per year. Mr. Thomason recommended purchasing fifteen new turbidimeters.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the purchase of fifteen turbidimeters for an approximate cost of \$30,000, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: Jackson

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Washdown/Corrosion Resistant Heater

Mr. Thomason presented the quotes for the purchase of a washdown/corrosion resistant heater for the chemical room at the water plant. Mr. Thomason recommended purchasing the washdown/corrosion resistant heater from the lowest qualified quote for a total of \$3,535.00.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Todd Thomas to approve the purchase of a washdown/corrosion resistant heater from the lowest qualified quote of \$3,535.00, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Secondary WTP Discharge Line

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the Secondary WTP Discharge Line. Mr. Thomason reported that RLCD received bids from eight companies. The project was bid with many options including an option for a 36" pipe or a 42" pipe. The low bid for the 36" ductile iron pipe was \$3,011,447.90 and for the 42" ductile iron pipe was \$3,808,363.50. Discussion ensued. Ms. Jackson requested the Board wait to vote on this item until after Ordinance 290 – Ordinance Regarding Water Rates was discussed. The President granted the request and moved to the next item on the agenda.

Resolution 501 – Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Todd Thomas to approve Resolution 501 – Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Ordinance 290 - Ordinance Regarding Water Rates

Mr. Thomason and Mr. Johnston each made presentations regarding water rates and the financial impact different water rate increases would have on the Rend Lake Conservancy District. Discussion ensued regarding the presentations and the different scenarios presented.

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Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Ernest Collins to approve Ordinance 290 – Ordinance Regarding Water Rates in which all rates would increase 0% for year one, 0% for year two, 2.5% for year three, 2.5% for year four, and 2.5% for year five, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Jackson, LeMay

Nays: Lawrence, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Absent: None

The President declared the motion failed.

Ordinance 290 - Ordinance Regarding Water Rates

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Keith Ward to approve Ordinance 290 – Ordinance Regarding Water Rates in which all rates would increase 2.5% for year one, 2.5% for year two, 2.5% for year three, 2.5% for year four, and 2.5% for year five, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Lawrence, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: Collins, Jackson, LeMay

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Secondary WTP Discharge Line

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the 42" Secondary WTP Discharge Line with the option to use domestic materials from the lowest qualified bidder, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Ms. Jackson left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Ordinance 291 – Ordinance Modifying Waste Water Rates

Mr. Thomason presented Ordinance 291 – Ordinance Modifying Waste Water Rates which reflects a 1% increase in the top tier, 2% increase in the second tier, and a 3% increase in the third tier.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton approving Ordinance 291 – Ordinance Modifying Waste Water Rates, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Paul Lawrence to go into Closed Session at 10:50 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 Nicholas LeMay and second by Keith Ward to come out of Closed Session at 11:25 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

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Absent: Jackson

The President declared the motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the Closed Session Minutes of January 22, 2018, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson

The President declared the motion carried.

Restaurant Lease

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Paul Lawrence to authorize Keith Thomason and Larry Sanders to negotiate a restaurant lease contract with Anthony Heinrich, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson

The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

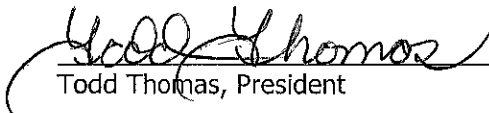
Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Ernest Collins to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson

The President declared the motion carried.


Todd Thomas, President


Robert Walton, Secretary