



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 25, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, February 25, 2019, at the Rend Lake Conservancy District Administration Office, 11231 Marcum Branch Road, Benton, Illinois. President Todd Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. The following attended:

Board of Trustees: In physical attendance: Ernest Collins, Paul Lawrence, Nicholas LeMay, Todd Thomas, and Keith Ward. Absent: Robert Walton 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: None

Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton, Warren

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

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

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton, Warren

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 has been paid. IDNR personnel stated that they would look into the bills that the State owes the District to see if they can speed up the payments.
- FEMA reimbursement has been paid. Mr. Thomason and Mr. Sanders had a very cordial meeting with FEMA. The next round of grant applications and the potential to receive a grant for hazard mitigation purposes were discussed.
- Water Plant Projects – The engineering qualifications review has been delayed as RLCD works to finalize the chemistry optimization efforts. A chemical supplier will be performing onsite tests with the District to evaluate the effectiveness of their clarification anionic polymer.

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- Chemistry optimization - RLCD is looking for a coagulant that can reduce costs, reduce pH levels in the clarifier, improve clarifier performance, and minimize filter media coating. Also installing a phosphate system is expected to help filter coating problems.
- The District has reached out to direct customers to proactively expand the lead and copper testing program. The next full round of testing is planned for late March or early April.
- The District is working on possible funding assistance from the State Capital Program and working on "Shovel Ready Projects."
- A highway drainage culvert was replaced on hole #5 at the golf course. Several drainage issues around the golf course are being worked on.
- Safety - One minor neck strain was reported due to an employee looking up for an extended period of time while painting. RLCD still has a few employees on light duty from past accidents and one is currently off work right now due to an accident.

Financial Report

Mr. Johnston presented the financial report for the month of January. Mr. Johnston reported that Big Muddy Prison owed the District \$571,615.33 and the state, in total, owed the District \$577,587.87.

Mr. Thomason informed the Board that at the March meeting he will present the draft budget for May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020. Many issues will impact the future budget such as minimum wage rate increase and insurance costs. Discussion ensued regarding future project costs and funding.

Engineering Projects

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

Secondary WTP Discharge Line

Mr. Thomason reported the contractor is currently working in the area of Benton Camp Road. The road is closed during the day while the contractor is working. The contractor is working on the project as weather permits.

36" South Discharge

The District will be installing a water meter at the south part of the 36" discharge line.

36" North Water Plant Discharge Rehabilitation

Repairs need to be made to the 36" north discharge on a piece of piping that has failed at the concrete interface. Repairs are scheduled during the winter/spring months when water flow is lower.

WTP Reliability Projects

The District is working on several reliability projects that will be "Shovel Ready." One of the projects being discussed is the importance of a redundant line to every town.

Phosphate Project

The District is working on a phosphate system to help with corrosion control.

Leased Facilities Update

Mr. Sanders gave a report on the leased facilities.

- Restaurant: The restaurant is behind in lease payments. A meeting with Mr. Sanders and Mr. Heinrich is scheduled to discuss payment options.
- Farmers: Cash rent payments are due from the farmers in March. One farmer has already paid. Winter wheat has been planted and is looking better than last year.

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Recreation Facilities Update

Mr. Sanders gave a report on the recreation facilities.

- Staff from the Rend Lake Golf Course and Season's Lodge worked the St. Louis Golf Expo in St. Louis on February 8-10 promoting the Rend Lake Golf Complex. Over 500 contacts were obtained during the weekend. Managers will return to the golf course on March 1 and will begin staffing up.
- Golf Course: The Rend Lake Golf Course is hosting a Central Illinois Junior Golf Tournament on March 9-10.
- The billboards on Interstate 70 promoting the Rend Lake area have been erected.

Bids and Purchases

Sludge Mine Application

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the bids for the water plant sludge mine application. The low bidder that is ready to haul is Oros & Busch at 0.035931/gallon at a cost of \$107,793.00.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the water plant sludge mine application from the low bidder that is ready to haul which is Oros & Busch at 0.035931/gallon at a cost of \$107,793.00, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton, Warren

The President declared the motion carried.

Wet Sludge Road Usage Fee

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the road usage fee of \$25.00 per truck to Elk Prairie Township for the wet sludge hauled to Springfield Mine. The total cost of the road usage fee is \$9,275.00.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the road usage fee of \$25.00 per truck to Elk Prairie Township for a total of \$9,275.00, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton, Warren

The President declared the motion carried.

36" Water Meter

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the quotes for the 36" magnetic meter for the south discharge. The low quote was from Durkin Equipment Company for \$11,282.00.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Keith Ward to approve the low quote from Durkin Equipment Company for the 36" magnetic meter for \$11,282.00, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton, Warren

The President declared the motion carried.

36" South Discharge Megaflange

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the quotes for the 36" megaflange restrained flange adaptor and hardware. The low quote was from Core & Main for \$3,442.00.

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the low quote from Core & Main for the 36" megaflange restrained flange adaptor and hardware for \$3,442.00, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Ward

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Nays: None

Absent: Walton, Warren

The President declared the motion carried.

North Water Plant Discharge Rehabilitation Project Flange Adaptor

Mr. Thomason requested preapproval for a flange adaptor for the North Water Plant Discharge Rehabilitation Project. Not all the quotes had been received at the time of the Board Meeting. Mr. Thomason requested preapproval for up to \$5,000 for the flange adaptor.

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Keith Ward to preapprove the purchase of a flange adaptor for up to \$5,000, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton, Warren

The President declared the motion carried.

24" Hot Tap Service for the 36" Interconnect Project

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the two bids for the 24" hot tap service for the 36" Interconnect Project. The low bid was for \$7,150.00 from Haier Plumbing and Heating, Inc.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the 24" hot tap service from the low bidder, Haier Plumbing and Heating, Inc., for \$7,150.00, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton, Warren

The President declared the motion carried.

Illinois Legislature Update

Mr. Sanders presented information regarding the minimum wage bill that will go into effect on 01/01/2020 in Illinois and the possible impacts it will have on the District. Mr. Sanders also presented information on HB3617 which authorizes IDNR to convey a portion of property to the RLCD for public use.

Resolution 508 – Corporate Authorization Resolution

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Keith Ward to approve Resolution 508 – Corporate Authorization Resolution for Legence Bank as presented, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Collins, Lawrence, LeMay, Thomas, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Walton, Warren

The President declared the motion carried.

Water Storage Research

Mr. Sanders presented information regarding each wholesale customer that Rend Lake Conservancy District sells water to and their total available storage capacity. Discussion ensued on what the District can do if a town does not have adequate storage for their usage.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Nicholas LeMay to go into Closed Session at 10:45 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, Ward

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Nays: None
Absent: Walton, Warren
The President declared the motion carried.

Keith Ward left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Nicholas LeMay to come out of Closed Session at 11:36 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Appointment of Secretary Pro Tempore

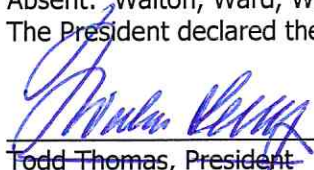
Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Todd Thomas to appoint Mr. Nicholas LeMay as secretary pro tempore for the February 25, 2019 meeting, the Board voted as follows:

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

Adjournment

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Paul Lawrence to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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



Todd Thomas, President
Nicholas LeMay, Vice-President



Robert Walton, Secretary