



# 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 May 20, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, May 20, 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; Tony Furlow, Water Plant Superintendent; and Jen Zinzilieta, Executive Assistant

**Visitors:** Sara Walker-Hite, Health Alliance Insurance; Dixie Anderson, Randy House & Associates; and Ralph Graham, Graham & Associates Financial Group, LLC

Each visitor introduced themselves and thanked the Board and RLCD for considering their company for the health care coverage.

### Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Michael Warren to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2019 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.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Keith Ward to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2019 Public Hearing 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, Warren, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

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### **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
- Report of the breaks/leaks of the water and sewer system for the past month was given
- The lead and copper sampling was completed in April. All the results of the testing are in except for two samples and so far all are nondetects of lead in the water. RLCD is still working on two proactive improvements to further improve lead protections.
- The chemistry optimization report from Jacobs Engineering stated RLCD is doing a good job with the chemistry of the plant and only gave a few recommendations to help improve the chemistry.
- Safety – No accidents to report.
- Security – Security hours will be reduced to start returning to a normal security posture and comply with the budget plan.

### **Leased Facilities Update**

Mr. Sanders gave a report on the leased facilities.

- Restaurant: The new addendum to the restaurant lease between RLCD and Anthony Heinrich has been signed, and a payment has been received from Mr. Heinrich. RLCD continues to receive good feedback regarding the restaurant. There is a leaking condensation discharge pipe in the restaurant that has caused some ceiling damage.
- Farmers: The farmers will be harvesting the winter wheat as weather permits.

### **Recreation Facilities Update**

Mr. Sanders gave a report on the recreation facilities.

- Golf: The Rend Lake Golf Course has received a lot of rain this spring resulting in wet areas leaving some areas not mowed yet this season. The rain has been hard on the bunkers but the course is in good condition overall. Mr. Thomason has spoken to other golf courses in the area to discuss a reciprocal agreement between golf courses.
- Lodge: The hot tub at Season's Lodge is broken and is in the process of being repaired.

### **Financial Report**

Mr. Johnston presented the financial report for the month of April. Mr. Johnston reported that Big Muddy Prison owes the District \$434,732.00 and the state, in total, owes the District \$496,176.00.

### **Engineering Projects**

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

#### Secondary WTP Discharge Line

Mr. Thomason reported the project is currently shut down due to the high-water levels near the Highway 37 bore site. The contractor will resume work when the water recedes at the site area.

#### 36" Interconnect Project

Mr. Thomason reported that this project was delayed due to the weather and waiting on a permit from the EPA. The project has now been completed internally so RLCD employees could gain valuable experience working with 36" pipe.

#### 36" North Water Plant Discharge Rehabilitation

The pipe coating has been completed on this project.

#### Optimum Corrosion Control Treatment (OCCT)

The District is working on an Optimum Corrosion Control Treatment (OCCT) evaluation of the water chemicals. The District is taking a proactive approach to the changes in the water chemistry. The General Manager will work closely with plant supervisors to ensure proper treatment occurs through this process.

## **May 20, 2019 (Continued)**

### Phosphate System

The phosphate system has been designed and is ready to be implemented once RLCD receives the EPA permit to move forward.

### WTP Reliability Projects

The District is working on several reliability projects that will be "Shovel Ready" with the anticipation of the state capital plan. These projects would provide a second transmission line to each large community. RLCD is working with our state consultant to try to get one or more of these projects included in the state capital plan.

## **Bids and Purchases**

### Vac Truck & Operator

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the quotes received for the vac truck rental and operator to remove excess filter media at the water plant. The District will provide the labor for the removal of the media. The cost of the project could range from \$6,400 to \$12,800 depending on how long it takes to remove the media.

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Keith Ward to approve the quote from the contractor at \$200/hour for the vac truck and operator to remove excess filter media, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

### Zero-Turn Mower

Mr. Thomason reported that another zero-turn mower is needed for the Inter-City Water System. Ben's Lawn Service has agreed to hold the bid price of \$9,557.49 from the last time RLCD got bids for this type of zero-turn mower.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Todd Thomas to approve the purchase of a zero-turn mower for the Inter-City Water System from Ben's Lawn Service for a price of \$9,557.49, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

### Raw Water Pump Repair

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the three options for repairing the raw water pump. The repair options range from \$52,516 to \$87,315.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the repair of the raw water pump for a cost of \$52,516 on an emergency basis, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

## **Illinois Legislature Update**

Mr. Thomason and Mr. Sanders presented information regarding pending legislation that could have an impact on the Rend Lake Conservancy District. Mr. Thomason and Mr. Sanders met with the Assistant to the Governor at the Governor's office last week regarding the state capital plan bill.

## May 20, 2019 (Continued)

### **Election of Officers**

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Paul Lawrence to retain all the officers from the 2018-2019 term for the 2019-2020 term which is Todd Thomas, President; Nicholas LeMay, Vice-President; Robert Walton, Secretary; and J. Lawrence Sanders, Treasurer, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

### **Resolution 510 – Designating Depository and Authorizing Signatures**

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Keith Ward to approve Resolution 510 – Designating Depository and Authorizing Signatures 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.

### **Closed Session**

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Ernest Collins to go into Closed Session at 9:45 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, Walton, Ward, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Robert Walton to come out of Closed Session at 10:45 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

### **Closed Session Minutes**

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Michael Warren to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the April 22, 2019, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

### **Employee Health Benefits**

Upon motion by Michael Warren and second by Keith Ward to change the health care coverage to a Point of Service (POS) plan structure with Health Alliance through Randy House & Associates, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

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**Adjournment**

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Keith Ward to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

  
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Todd Thomas, President

  
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Robert Walton, Secretary