



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 June 24, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, June 24, 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; Pete Hunter, Golf Course Superintendent; and Jen Zinzilieta, Executive Assistant

Visitors: None

Minutes

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the minutes of the May 20, 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.

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.
- Report of the breaks/leaks of the water and sewer system for the past month was given.
- All the results of the lead and copper testing are in and all are nondetects of lead in the water. Testing will be done again in six months. RLCD is waiting on a permit to change the plant chemistry to further improve lead protections.
- Report of repairs being made at the water plant was given.
- IEPA has given a warning about possible blue green algae in the lake. There is no indication of blue green algae at the raw water intake at Rend Lake.
- Golf Course – A reciprocal revenue agreement between Rend Lake Golf Course and local golf courses is being reviewed.
- Safety – No accidents to report. RLCD will be having a safety luncheon for the staff to promote safety teamwork.

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- Security – Security hours will be reduced to start returning to a normal security posture and comply with the budget plan.
- Maintenance labor costs are over budget and trending in a way that must be addressed early in the year to comply with the full year budget.

Financial Report

Mr. Johnston presented the financial report for the month of May. Mr. Johnston reported that Big Muddy Prison owes the District \$475,053.56 and the state, in total, owes the District \$537,670.01.

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.

Switchgear Upgrade

Mr. Thomason reported that employees are currently painting and refurbishing booster pump stations and will be updating the switchgear in two pump stations.

Emergency Response Plan

Mr. Thomason reported that the "Emergency Response Plan" is being reviewed. The review will consist of making sure telephone numbers and contacts are correct and making sure parts that may be needed can be located in case of an emergency.

Membrane Modules

Mr. Thomason reported that the first shipment of membrane modules has been received by RLCD and the second shipment will arrive in July. The modules will be installed internally by RLCD employees at a date to be determined.

H₂SO₄ Conversion

Mr. Thomason reported that RLCD is going to test the conversion to sulfuric acid in the old membrane modules and is waiting on a permit from EPA.

Bandyville Project and Peach Orchard Project

Mr. Thomason reported that each project is waiting on a permit from EPA before each can proceed.

Leased Facilities Update

Mr. Sanders gave a report on the leased facilities.

- Restaurant: RLCD continues to receive good feedback regarding the restaurant. The restaurant has upgraded the banquet room with new paint and lighting.
- Farmers: The farmers will be harvesting the winter wheat as weather permits.

Recreation Facilities Update

Mr. Sanders gave a report on the recreation facilities.

- Lodge: The lodge has been sold out the past two weekends. Cabin rental is being booked into 2020.
- Golf Course: The Rend Lake Golf Course is currently using a sprayer that is owned by the golf course superintendent. Discussion regarding a rental fee for the sprayer will continue after Mr. Thomason receives more information about the situation.

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Bids and Purchases

High Service Pump VFD Power Cell

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the need for a power cell for the high service pump VFD. This would be a spare unit and would be able to get the VFD up and running immediately if needed. Mr. Thomason presented a quote from Siemens for \$7,500.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Michael Warren to approve the purchase of the power cell for the high service pump VFD from Siemens for \$7,500, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Portable Concrete Saw

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the purchase of a portable concrete saw. One quote has been received from Northern Tool for \$2,949.99. Mr. Thomason is waiting on two additional quotes from suppliers. Mr. Thomason requested preapproval to purchase a portable concrete saw for \$2,949.99 or less.

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Michael Warren to preapprove the purchase of a portable concrete saw for \$2,949.99 or less, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Rend Lake Resort Concession Lease

Mr. Thomason reported to the Board that the IDNR will be holding a meeting regarding the Rend Lake Resort Concession Lease on 06/27/2019 at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Thomason stated that he will be attending the meeting. A special Board Meeting will be held if Mr. Thomason feels discussion needs to be held regarding the concession lease before the next Board meeting.

Illinois Legislature Update

Mr. Thomason and Mr. Sanders presented information regarding pending legislation that could have an impact on the Rend Lake Conservancy District.

Water Supply Contracts

Mr. Sanders stated that after reviewing the water supply contracts two purchasers require new contracts. He stated that now is a good time to consider changing some of the language in the future contracts. One issue that needs to be addressed is the water storage requirements for each purchaser. Discussion ensued. It was decided that management will draft a contract for Board review.

Rend Lake Fireworks Contribution

Mr. Thomason reported that the District has previously contributed \$2,500 to the Rend Lake Fireworks. The Rend Lake Fireworks committee has contacted RLCD requesting a contribution for 2019.

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by Ernest Collins to approve a \$2,500 contribution to the Rend Lake Fireworks, 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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Easement Request by Ameren Illinois

Mr. Sanders presented information regarding an easement request by Ameren Illinois. The easement would allow Ameren Illinois to attach telecommunication devices to an existing utility pole on RLCD property. Ameren Illinois will pay Rend Lake Conservancy District \$500.00 for the easement.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the easement request by Ameren Illinois which would allow Ameren Illinois to attach telecommunication devices to an existing utility pole on RLCD property, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Season's Lodge Loan Payment

Upon motion by Todd Thomas and second by Michael Warren to approve a payment towards the lodge loan of ½ of \$162,396.08 or \$81,198.04 in order for the loan to be back on the 10-year schedule, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lawrence

The President declared the motion carried.

Ordinance 296 – Tax Levy

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Paul Lawrence to approve Ordinance 296 – Tax Levy 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.

Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2019

Mr. Johnston presented the Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2019.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Michael Warren to go into Closed Session at 11:15 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 Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay to come out of Closed Session at 12:20 p.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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Closed Session Minutes

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Ernest Collins to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the May 20, 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.

One Day Rest in Seven Permit

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Paul Lawrence to approve management to seek a One Day Rest in Seven Waiver Permit from the Illinois Department of Labor, the Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Lawrence, Thomas, Walton, Ward

Nays: Collins, LeMay, Warren

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Rescind One Day Rest in Seven Permit

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay to rescind the prior action regarding the Waiver from the Illinois Department of Labor, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

One Day Rest in Seven Permit for 90 Days or Less

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Paul Lawrence to approve management to seek a One Day Rest in Seven Waiver Permit from the Illinois Department of Labor for 90 days or less, 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 12:30 p.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