



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 August 24, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, August 24, 2020, at the Rend Lake Conservancy District Golf Course Banquet Room, 12476 Golf Course Road, Whittington, 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, and Michael Warren; Absent: Keith Ward

Staff: In physical attendance: Keith Thomason, General Manager; Larry Sanders, General Counsel; Michael Johnston, Comptroller; Tony Furlow, Water Plant Superintendent; Jeremy Richardson, IWS Distribution Manager; Keith Vaughn, Buildings Construction and Repair Manager; Amy Krueger, Manager of Season's Lodge and Condominiums; Pete Hunter, Golf Course Superintendent; Sean Pickford, District Engineer; and Jen Zinzilieta, Executive Assistant

Visitors: None

Minutes

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Michael Warren to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2020, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Check Register

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

General Manager's Report

Mr. Thomason presented the General Manager's report covering the following items:

- A report of the daily average and maximum flows of drinking water was given.
- A report of the water and sewer leaks during the past month was given.
- A report of the District's response to the Coronavirus Pandemic was given. All utility operations remain fully functional. The managers and employees have done a very good job complying with the recommendations.
- A report was given regarding the NPDES discharge back into the lake, and the IEPA violation that occurred. RLCD will be working closely with the IEPA to resolve the issues to their satisfaction.

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- Mr. Thomason reported improvements on the golf course during the past month such as a new bridge was built. Also, the golf course grounds maintenance did a great job cleaning up after the storm that went through bringing down many limbs and debris on the golf course.
- Mr. Thomason read a letter sent by Mayor Kondritz of Benton thanking the District for the new fence near Camp Manitowa and Twin Oaks. This was done as part of the Secondary WTP Discharge Line Project.
- Mr. Thomason reported that due to Mr. Sanders' persistence with our insurance company regarding the water main break in May 2018 the District will receive \$198,000 for property damage.
- One safety issue is under review at this time. Also, the safety luncheon for the employees of the District will be held when it is safe to do so because of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Financial Report

Mr. Johnston presented the financial report for the month of July. Mr. Johnston reported that Big Muddy Prison owes the District \$562,981 and the state, in total, owes the District \$641,839. Mr. Johnston also reported that the Rend Lake Conservancy District has been approved for a grant from FEMA for expenses related to COVID-19.

Engineering Projects

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

Secondary WTP Discharge Line

Mr. Thomason reported the project is close to being finalized. The District is still in discussions with the contractor regarding final payment of the project. Mr. Thomason also informed the Board that a check for the Benton Camp Road repairs had been mailed to Ewing Township and repairs to the road have begun.

Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project

The water treatment plant improvements project has begun and construction should start in 2021.

9th Street Water Main Project

The 9th Street area in West Frankfort has had repeated breaks in the water line. Mr. Sean Pickford, District Engineer, has designed the new water main project and is waiting on permits. The project will be put out for bid and the bids will be presented at the next board meeting.

Recreation Facilities Update

Mr. Sanders reported the following information regarding the recreation facilities. The Coronavirus Pandemic has had a major impact on the recreation departments.

- Lodge: The condos have had increased bookings because golf groups are returning. The cabins have also seen increased bookings.
- Golf Course: The golf course has rebounded and has had a very good July.

Leased Facilities Update

Mr. Sanders reported the following information regarding the leased facilities. The Coronavirus Pandemic has had a major impact on the leased facilities.

- Restaurant: The restaurant has suffered due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the many mandatory restrictions. The restaurant has benefited from the golf course having a very good July. The outside cooler needed repairs during the month of July.

Cooler Repair at the Restaurant

Mr. Sanders presented information regarding the outside cooler at the restaurant that needed repairs during the past month. Mr. Heinrich asked if the District would pay for the repairs of the cooler since he considers it part of building repairs. The repairs to the outside cooler were done by J & R Appliance and the cost was less than \$500.00.

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Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Ernest Collins to approve the payment for the repairs to the outside cooler at the restaurant by J & R Appliance, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

Recreation Expansion Information

Mr. Sanders and Mr. Thomason presented information regarding their recent visit to Venture River Waterpark in Eddyville, Kentucky. They both felt they gained valuable information after speaking to the owner of Venture River Waterpark during their visit. Mr. Sanders recommended to the Board that the District join the World Waterpark Association and consider going to its annual meeting to find further resources. Discussion ensued. Consensus was to join and attend.

Southern Illinois Arts & Crafts Marketplace

Mr. Thomason presented information updating the Board on the Southern IL Arts & Crafts Marketplace. Mr. Thomason informed the Board that he has moved forward with getting three appraisals of the building. The appraisals should be completed by the next Board meeting.

Sewer I and I

Mr. Thomason updated the Board on the sewer inflow and infiltration issues. Sean Pickford, District Engineer, has determined that part of the Sewer I & I issue is the disposal of oil/grease down the drains by restaurants. RLCD is in the process of contacting the restaurants that are on the system to ask that they comply with the proper disposal of oil/grease.

Bids and Purchases

Truck Purchase

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the purchase of a new Ford F150 extended cab 4x2 with a towing package for the water department. The new truck would replace a 2007 truck with over 146,000 miles that is used by the water department. The state bid price for the truck is \$22,860.

Upon motion by Michael Warren and second by Paul Lawrence to approve the purchase of a new Ford F150 extended cab 4x2 truck with a towing package for the water department from the state bid list or from a local dealer if they can beat or come within \$1,000 of the state bid price of \$22,860, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

Bobcat Windshield Repair

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the purchase of a windshield assembly kit for the Bobcat from Bobcat of Marion for \$2,573.68. The two-part glass windshield has fogged up in between the two panes of glass which has caused it to be delaminated.

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Todd Thomas to approve the purchase of the windshield assembly kit for the Bobcat from Bobcat of Marion for \$2,573.68, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

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Debris Blower for the Golf Course

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the purchase of a new debris blower for the golf course.

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the purchase of a new debris blower for the golf course from the low bidder from the last time this item was put out for bid, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

Illinois Legislative Update

Mr. Sanders provided a legislative update regarding the following topics:

- John Bradley continues to advise and work with the state legislature and state agencies on behalf of the District. However, no new legislation will take place until after the election in November.

Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission Appropriation

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Todd Thomas to approve the appropriation request of \$4,049.34 to the Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

Solar Power Initial Proposal

Mr. Sanders presented information regarding a firm that would like the District to add solar power. More research is needed but if the proposal can be supported and if SEIEC allows credits for overproduction of solar power, there could be a significant savings to the District. More information regarding this topic is needed at this time before any decisions can be made.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay 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, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Ernest Collins to come out of Closed Session at 12:23 p.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.

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Adjournment

Upon motion by Michael Warren and second by Ernest Collins to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ward

The President declared the motion carried.



Todd Thomas, President

NICHOLAS LEMAY - V.R



Robert Walton, Secretary