



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 October 28, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Rend Lake Conservancy District held a regular meeting on Monday, October 28, 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, Robert Walton, Keith Ward, and Michael Warren

Staff: Keith Thomason, General Manager; Larry Sanders, Legal Counsel; Michael Johnston, Comptroller; Tony Furlow, Water Plant Superintendent; Sarah Towle, District Engineer; and Jen Zinzilieta, Executive Assistant

Visitors: None

Minutes

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Michael Warren to approve the minutes of the September 23, 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 Michael Warren and second by Keith Ward 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.
- No breaks/leaks of the water and sewer system were reported during the past month.
- Raw water pump was rebuilt incorrectly. The pump was sent back to get rebuilt.
- A new 36" flow meter has been installed on the southern discharge line and is waiting on programming to be fully functional.
- The warehouse shelves have been installed in the new building. After an inventory is completed, it will be determined which parts are needed to be prepared for emergency situations.
- The equipment auction was held September 25, 2019, with total sales of \$8,700.

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- Mt. Vernon has requested electronic access to the meter reading at the RLCD pump station. All customer access is closely monitored and internet access is restricted.
- Waltonville has not been able to obtain an agreement with Mt. Vernon. The General Manager plans to install a fire hydrant for an emergency access to water until the two municipalities can work out an agreement.

Upon motion by Ernest Collins and second by Keith Ward to install a fire hydrant by Waltonville for use in emergency situations only, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: Walton

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

- The IEPA has a new regulation regarding water service lines. This new regulation has created a problem for some potential water customers wanting to tap on to RLCD lines.
- RLCD continues to work on the sewer inflow & infiltration issues to help resolve some sewer overloading issues.
- Recreation season is winding down for the year. The Golf Professional will be transferred to water/sewer projects in November and the Golf Superintendent will be transferred in December. The Golf Superintendent will return to the golf course in February to prepare the golf course for the season.
- Season's condo rentals are down. There is a need to find winter long-term rentals for the condos to make up the revenue lost.
- Safety – No accidents to report for this past month.

Financial Report

Mr. Johnston presented the financial report for the month of September. Mr. Johnston reported that Big Muddy Prison owes the District \$573,345 and the state, in total, owes the District \$633,588.09.

Engineering Projects

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

Secondary WTP Discharge Line

Mr. Thomason reported the secondary discharge line is fully constructed. Next, the contractor will need to flush, pressure test, and disinfect the line before RLCD can bring it online.

Booster Pump Station Upgrades

Mr. Thomason reported that employees are painting and refurbishing booster pump stations and the work will continue through the winter when water flows are lower. This winter the McLeansboro and Ewing pump stations will have minor repairs done and new switchgears will be installed.

Peach Orchard Project

The Peach Orchard Project was split into two projects. The second project on Peach Orchard Road has been completed during this past month.

Bandyville Road Project

The Bandyville Project is expected to begin in November and to be completed by the end of the year.

Leased Facilities Update

Mr. Sanders gave a report on the leased facilities.

- Restaurant: Tino's on the Tee plans to continue operating daily as long as there are golf groups.
- Farmers: The cash rent bids have been received. Discussion will continue in closed session.

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Recreation Facilities Update

Mr. Sanders gave a report on the recreation facilities.

- Lodge: The lodge has been able to fill rooms with non-golfers including many weeks of Ameren employees taking training. Ameren intends to expand this training.
- Golf Course: The golf rounds and golf revenue are up. The drought meant no cancellations due to wet conditions but the fairways suffered. The irrigation equipment for the 25 control boxes that are no longer fully functional has been ordered. The fairways have been watered heavily and fertilized. The fairways are now healthier. There are golf groups scheduled through November.

Lake Development Ideas and Discussion

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding lake development ideas. The lake development project would provide tourism and an economic boost to the Rend Lake area. Discussion ensued.

Rend Lake Resort Concession Lease

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the Rend Lake Resort Concession Lease. The state canceled the procurement due to no proposals being received. Mr. Thomason stated that he did send a letter through the USPS and electronically as the Board requested regarding RLCD not submitting a bid proposal for the Rend Lake Resort Concession Lease but has not heard anything regarding the letter.

Bids and Purchases

Membrane Control System Power Supply

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the need for a membrane control system power supply and a backup battery unit for a total cost of \$3,530.00.

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Michael Warren to approve the purchase of a membrane control system power supply and a backup battery unit for a total cost of \$3,530.00, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Tanker Trailer

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the cost to rebuild the 1968 tanker trailer and the cost to purchase a new tanker trailer. The cost to rebuild the tanker trailer would cost between \$25,700 - \$27,000. The cost to purchase a new tanker trailer would cost between \$68,819 - \$72,500.

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Nicholas LeMay to approve the rebuild of the 1968 tanker trailer from the low quote from Fast Truck Repair for \$25,700, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Water Main Extension

Mr. Thomason presented information regarding the issues with the water main extension on Webb Hill Road.

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Todd Thomas to authorize the General Manager to negotiate with the three property owners on the "Webb Hill Road Water Main Extension," the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

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Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Water Main Extension

Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton to approve the contractor with the low bid on the "Webb Hill Road Water Main Extension" if the General Manager is able to successfully negotiate with the three property owners of the "Webb Hill Road Water Main Extension," the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Fuel Bid

Mr. Johnston informed the Board that the fuel bid did go out for bid; however, there were issues with a couple of the bids that were received. It was determined that RLCD would redo the bidding process of the fuel bids and bring the results to the Board next meeting.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Nicholas LeMay and second by Michael Warren to go into Closed Session at 12:00 p.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.

Mr. Ernest Collins left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Upon motion by Paul Lawrence and second by Todd Thomas to come out of Closed Session at 12:20 p.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Collins

The President declared the motion carried.

Farm Lease Bids

Upon motion by Robert Walton and second by Nicholas LeMay to accept and award the farm lease bids as presented by Mr. Sanders from the high bidders of Kira and Matt Kash, Derrick and Dalton Moore, and McKay Farms, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Collins

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 September 23, 2019, Regular Meeting as presented, the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Collins

The President declared the motion carried.

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Adjournment

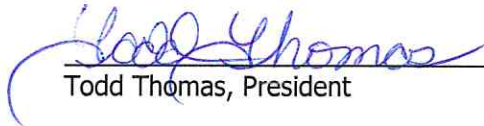
Upon motion by Keith Ward and second by Robert Walton to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m., the Board voted as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Collins

The President declared the motion carried.



Todd Thomas, President



Robert Walton, Secretary