



July 8, 2017 9:00 a.m.

## LNNLRCD Meeting

### I. Call to Order and Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

#### Board Members Present –

Jim Brown – President

Bill Winebaugh – VP

Andy Warcaba – Secretary

Joan Bonnamy – Member at Large

Anthony O-Brian – Member at Large

II. **Motion to Approve Agenda** - Jim motioned to approve the agenda with the change of the board member reports category to be called Board Member Reports & New Business and Andy seconded the motion. Andy corrected the motion to also add a final payment to Winterland for Schings Park under Andy's report and Jim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-17-01]

III. **Motion to Approve 6/24/17 Minutes** – Jim motioned to approve the 6/24/17 minutes and Joan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-17-02]

IV. **Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report** – Jim motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-17-03]

### V. Board Member Reports & New Business

**A. Jim Brown** – Jim said that the dock committee suggested that the board look at lengthening the existing rental docks by 5' and if they chose to do this, there are three more dock kits left of the 10 that they bought and that would be enough to extend 6 of the docks out another 5 feet. Bill said that the rental docks are across from each other and are on a narrow part of the lake and was concerned with them sticking out too far into the water. Bill asked how that would affect their return on their investment and Becky said she would have to prepare an updated cost analysis of the rental docks to determine that. Andy said that he didn't see that 5' extensions on both sides would make that much of a difference. Bill wanted to ensure that whatever they do doesn't hinder access to other boaters on the lake. Andy said that Bill had a valid point and that if they were going to look at that then they should also look at the trees that are down in the lake that people have to pay attention to. Jim requested that they table the discussion until he talks to the renters. Anthony said that he could also talk to his neighbor that rents a dock and see if he has any issues. Tabled

**B. Andy Warcaba- 1. (Old Business) Motion to Approve Resolution 04-2017 – Dock/Shoreline Improvements** – (See attachment 1) Andy updated the resolution regarding dock and shoreline improvements which would allow for docks to extend 10' out over the water. Andy motioned to approve the resolution 04-2017-Dock/Shoreline Improvements that would allow docks to extend out into the water 10 feet. Joan seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-17-04]

**2. Doug & Vicki Jones Dock Variance Request** - Andy motioned to approve Doug and Vicki Jones' dock variance that would extend their proposed dock out 5 more feet to a total of 10 feet over the shoreline's edge. Joan seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously. [07-17-05]

**3. Washout at Entrance of Campground Road** – Andy had Scott Brown of Wendler look at the washout at the campground entrance road that begins near the intersection of Missouri and Mississippi. Scott said that there is a short term and long term solution for the problem. The long term solution would require some pavement and the short term solution involves a drainage tube that brings water from the opposite side of Mississippi under the road that is plugged. Andy talked to Tim this morning and he said he could fix it with some river rock. If that doesn't solve the problem, then he would recommend that they get Jeff Winterland out to provide a temporary fix. Andy would also like to talk to Charlie Moore since it is right where both the RCD and POA properties meet to see if there is something that the two boards could jointly do to fix it. Bill said that he had talked to Charlie prior to the last meeting and he had been talking about putting a drain tube under the road but Bill doesn't know if it has changed since then. Andy said that there is a 4" tube there now and Bill said that it's too small and the cap is off on it. Bill said that Jeff has graded the road out before and every time they get a substantial rain the water all goes to the outside edge and creates the washout.

**4. Security** – Andy contacted an insurance company from California who said that in Illinois, they can't cover the security officers if they are carrying weapons as off-duty police officers, even if it's not a part of their part-time job as security personnel. Andy told Sue about that and she spoke to her own personal insurance company, who said the same thing. Andy is waiting to hear back from the POA's insurance company to see if they can provide the RCD with the same type of insurance that they provide the POA.

**5. Motion to Pay Jeff Winterland Final Payment for Schings Park** – Scott from Wendler examined the site and prepared a final estimate on the work that Jeff did. Andy motioned to pay Jeff Winterland the final payment for work he performed at Schings Park except for a portion held back until everything is complete such as seeding. Bill seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-17-06]

**A. Bill Winebaugh –No Report**

**B. Joan Bonnamy – Category 7 Usage Request for RCD District Community Social Groups – recurring event.** – At the last meeting a community member asked the RCD board to consider reducing rental rates of the LCC for (community social) groups like cards and Mahjong. Joan researched 50 facilities that were similar in scope to the LCC and found that the typical reduction would be 50% of normal rental rates. Joan motioned to amend the current LCC rental agreement to include category 7 for community social groups that have regularly scheduled gatherings that are open to all property owners within the RCD district to be able to rent the center for \$10 an hour for two hours or \$25 total for 3 hours. There would also be a separate \$100 refundable deposit check required to be put down. Bill seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-17-07]

**C. Anthony O'Brien – No Report**

**VI. Old Business**

- A. Security** (see Andy's report)
- B. Motion to Approve Resolution 04-2017** (See motion in Andy's report.)
- C. Jones Dock/Shoreline Improvement Request** (See motion in Andy's report.)
- D. Washout at Entrance of Campground Road (Andy)** (see Andy's report)

**VII. Guest Comments**

**1. Mark Walsh ideas on vegetation on Schings Park** – Andy invited Mark Walsh to share some of his ideas on what the RCD could do in the future to maintain Schings Park. Mark has been through different phases of the RCD's maintenance of Schings Park. He said he appreciated the RCD's ability to move forward and get something done after almost 2 years of an ongoing dredging project at Schings Park. Mark feels that Schings Park is a highly visible piece of property in the community for both the owners that back up to the park and across the lake where the shore can be seen. There have been different approaches by the RCD for maintaining the park, for example, when Mark first moved there, it was mown to almost look like a golf course and the adjacent property owners took care of it for years. Then the RCD wanted to control the height of the grass and so took over the mowing. Then, Mark said, the RCD said that they couldn't afford to mow it on an ongoing basis and so asked the adjacent owners to help out once again. Finally, the RCD board decided to let it go native prairie; however, there was a lot of unattractive growth of scrub vegetation and small trees that took over. Mark said that the problem (*with the final experiment*) was that they have to start with a vision of what they want it to be instead of just saying that they are going to establish a barrier and then leave it. For example, Nachusa Grasslands has thousands of acres of prairie and one of their missions is to keep out invasive species. Basically, if they are going to let the shoreline grow, then they need a plan so that they don't just end up with thistle bushes and buckthorn. He added that they've got a good group of people that are the property owners behind Schings Park and they are willing to mow and trim trees on the property to help maintain it. He commends the RCD on what they have done this year to Schings Park but would caution them not to just walk away from it. Andy said he would like to see a controlled burn on Schings Park and perhaps Bill would head that up. Jim asked where they were on putting in

posts to restrict cars driving onto Schings Park past the parking lot and Andy said that they still have to initiate that – he'll talk to Jeff about it. Jim said that the riprap is a good form of shoreline stabilization along with a riparian strip behind it to help deter geese from nesting there because they don't like it when they can't see the lake from the shore. Becky said that the filter strip also helps with nutrient uptake to keep the lake cleaner but that they should make it attractive and not just let anything grow. Jim added that it has to be maintained. They will bring this up to Rebecca at the CCWP meeting on Wednesday.

2. IDPH Inspection of Beaches – The IDPH did their annual surprise inspection of the beaches and sent a letter that stated that, "Based on the inspection, the general operation and maintenance of the RCD beaches can be considered excellent. We wish to commend you for your cooperation in maintaining a safe and healthy recreational area. You will be eligible to receive a full license for the upcoming licensure period." Jim discussed his involvement with the Nachusa Grasslands and the agreement that they have with them to do control burn on RCD property that is adjacent to the Grasslands and he discussed the feedlot on Daysville.

**VIII. Motion to Adjourn** – Jim motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 a.m. and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [07-17-08]

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