



Thursday, January 11, 2018 6:00 p.m.

LNNLRCD Meeting

- I. **Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance** – Bill called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.
Board Members Present: Bill Winebaugh – President Andy Warcaba – VP
Joan Bonnamy – Secretary Anthony O'Brien – Member at Large Ernie Richards – Member at Large

- II. **Motion to Approve the Agenda:** Joan motioned to amend the agenda to include item “B. Motion to Accept Furnace Replacement Proposal” under New Business and Anthony seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-18-01] Anthony motioned to approve the amended agenda and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-18-02]

- III. **Motion to Approve 12/14/17 Minutes:** Tabled – no motion made.

- IV. **Motion to Approve Treasurer’s Report:** Andy motioned to approve the treasurer’s report and Joan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-18-03]

- V. **Board Member Reports**
 - A. **Bill Winebaugh:**
 1. **Review of Closed Executive Session Minutes:** Bill recommended keeping the executive minutes listed on his review sheet closed. Tabled as it needs a motion to approve keeping them closed.
 2. **Security:** Andy and Bill met with the POA and their insurance agent to discuss security. They are waiting for the security officers to submit their application to the underwriter and when that is complete they can move forward about 2 weeks). After that, they will need to sit down with the POA to agree on a contract and establish a fine structure.
 3. **Lake and Trespassing** – Bill researched the RCD’s legal documents to try to determine whether RCD property is considered public or private. He has a meeting on Monday with their current attorney to discuss this. In the meantime, Bill called a number of government entities such as IDNR in Springfield, IDNR law enforcement division, the Ogle County district biologist, and the IDNR regional division in Morrison and each of them that he has talked to treat Lost Lake as a private lake but not one of them would give him a written information verifying that; everyone says that they don’t have the authority, they have just been treating us as a private lake. Bill said he is hoping that a gentleman from the division of waterways (McCauley) that he called will call him back and can give him more information. Andy suggested that they could talk to the county board member (John Finrock) that heads up the Ogle County board committee that interviews them before they become board members and get his opinion. The board discussed solutions such as signage if it’s found to be a private lake and Anthony said that they wait should until they get the opinion of their current attorney before they proceed. He asked if someone had asked the prior attorneys what their opinions on whether it is a private lake are based on and Bill said the opinion of the (1993) state’s attorney was based on information supplied to them by an individual on the board or longtime residents. The person from the IDNR law enforcement said that if they have any problems to give them a call because they can come out and enforce things like trespassing and fishing licenses. They won’t be able to enforce the RCD’s creel limits though because the RCD’s creel limits are stricter than the state limitations.
 4. **Prescribed Burn** – Bill Kleiman from Nachusa Grasslands called Bill and explained that each year they do a controlled burn of their property that is north of the RCD’s property that borders the campground (where hunting is allowed) and Mr. Kleiman asked for permission to burn that bordering RCD property at the same time. They’d like to burn sometime between February 10th and March 25th. Bill sees no reason to deny them access to do that as it won’t harm the trees; rather, it’ll clean out the brush and overgrowth. Bill will be signing a release for Nachusa.
 5. **Project Lists from Board Members** – Bill asked the board members to each submit a project list of what they’d like to see done this year or next year with a brief explanation of why they think it needs to be done. His plan would be that he and Andy would sit down and review the list to prioritize it for next month’s meeting.
 - B. **Andy Warcaba:**
 1. **Schings Park Spur Dike** – the Army Corps sent an email stating that they would grant the RCD permission to keep the spur dike that is at Schings Park.
 2. **LCC Parking Lot** - Wendler should have the preliminary design plan for the LCC parking lot and roadway.

C. Joan Bonnamy: West Gate Wetland Project – Joan is waiting for a completed proposal from Rebecca Olson on that. Joan has been pursuing some potential grant funding – they don't have any projects that are big enough to receive EPA grants as in the past; however, there are some smaller funds (Natural Wildlife that offers one-on-one funding and another that offers up to \$2,000 in funding).

D. Anthony O'Brien: Docks in Need of Repair - Anthony and Becky are still finalizing the details on dock owners – they also discussed going around and recording numbers for all the docks to ensure that they are properly numbered. Anthony said that there are about 5 docks that need to be repaired or removed and a couple more that need numbers.

E. Ernie Richards: Plants to install in lake - Ernie has been researching getting some plants to grow in the water. Bill said that that was good and that there is money in the budget for that; however, the biggest challenge is getting them to establish because of the silt in the lake (that make the water too cloudy for sunlight to help grow the plants). The board was trying to remember when the lake had last been dredged. (*Note: The lake was hydraulically dredged in the 1990's, Schings Park and the islands just past the mouth of the Clear Creek inlet were dredged in 2003, and Schings Park was dredged in 2015*).

VI. Old Business – No Old Business

VII. New Business

A. Motion to Approve Olson Ecological Invoice for \$1,187.88: Joan said that this was for work that Rebecca performed related to the CCWP meeting that they held in December to include planning the meeting and agenda, reaching out to property owners, governmental agencies, and partners in the watershed, and coordinating those efforts. Bill asked Joan her opinion on whether Rebecca was making headway (is it worthwhile) or are they spending money. Joan said that she thinks that they are spending money – she gets travel time and an hourly rate for any work that she does and the RCD could probably be doing some of that work. Bill suggested that they approve the invoice for work she's already done and then discuss their options moving forward. Andy motioned to approve the Olson Ecological Invoice for \$1,187.88 and Joan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-18-04]

B. Motion to Accept Furnace Replacement Proposal: The furnace went out at the end of December and the repairman got it to work for a little while; however, he said that it was an outdated model that they can't get parts for anymore and that it is undersized for the building so he recommended that they look at getting a new one soon. It went out again and has been out since. Becky got estimates from 3 different companies. The bid from Stewart's included two bids - one for \$2,450 for a 3-year labor warranty and one for \$2,675 for a 5-year labor warranty. The quote includes installation of a 100,000 BTU, single-stage, 95.5% high efficiency unit, removal of the old furnace, and a 10 year parts warranty. Bill did some research and because of the weather and this being considered an emergency-type purchase, they don't have to follow the 30-day bid process normally required for work over \$2,500. Ernie motioned to accept the furnace replacement proposal from Stewart's heating and air conditioning for \$2,675 that includes a 10-year parts and 5-year labor warranty. Joan seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-18-05]

VIII. Guest Comments: no guest comments.

IX. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Andy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. and Joan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-18-06]

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