



March 12, 2020 6:00 p.m.

LNNLRCD Meeting

- I. **Call to Order, Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance** – Bill called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Board Members Present – Bill Winebaugh – President; Andy Warcaba Vice President; Anthony O'Brien – Secretary; Jeff VanQuathem – Member at Large; Tyler VanKirk – Member at Large
- II. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Bill motioned to amend the agenda to move Jeff's report to the top of board members reports and Anthony seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote. [03-20-01] Andy motioned to approve the agenda Anthony seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-20-02]
- III. **Motion to Approve 02/13/20 Minutes** – Anthony motioned to approve the 02-13-2020 minutes and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-20-03]
- IV. **Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report** – Bill motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Anthony seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-20-04]
- V. **Board Member Reports**
 - A. **Jeff VanQuathem – 1. John Vezzetti – Dredging** – John Vezzetti from Benardi Securities attended the meeting to give the board members information on the RCD's financing options for dredging. There are three main options to look at:

- **Municipal Bonds** – The RCD could borrow up to 5% of the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) of the property within their district, to be paid back over a time period up to 20 years. Last year the EAV was 17,830,268 so 5% would be \$891,513.40. This would require a referendum to be put on the ballot because there would be a separate levy taxing the population to repay that loan amount. They would need 3-4 months lead time to get it on the ballot so for example, for November's ballot, they would want to get the referendum in to the county by July.

- **Double Barrel Bond** – Bond to be paid using the existing revenues (currently around \$138,000). It doesn't require a referendum; however, if 10% of the district population petitions for it, they could force a referendum. The RCD would have to show that they have budgeted 1.25% of the amount needed to cover the annual premium, for example if the payment plan was \$50,000 a year, they would have to show that they have \$62,000 on hand to cover the payment. 40-year maximum Term

- **Pure Revenue Bond** – A loan from a personal bank. (*The RCD's bank is Midland Bank and they have taken a loan from them when they were Amcore Bank for dredging before - in 1998 they took a \$60,000 loan to purchase a hydraulic dredge. In June 2002 they took out a loan to purchase property to access lake for dredging and the 23.26-acre site to deposit silt for dewatering and then they refinanced the loan to pay for the 2003 dredging project. The final loan pay-off in July 2007 for principal and interest - \$151,889.90.*)

- B. **Bill Winebaugh – 1. PA System Training** – Mark Miller will conduct PA system training at 10:00 a.m. on March 14th at the LCC.
2. **Clean-up Day** – The community clean-up day is scheduled for April 25th.
3. **Ambulance on Annual Yard-Sale Day** – The Franklin Grove Fire Department will have an ambulance and volunteers on hand to take free vital readings.
4. **Nachusa Controlled Burn of Property by Campground** – Bill said that Nachusa will be doing a controlled burn of the area by the campground and Tyler said that he notified the hunters so that they can remove their stands beforehand.

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C. Andy Warcaba – 1. Date to Raise Lake - Oltmanns is scheduled for mid-April to replace the boards to raise the lake.

2. Drainage License Agreement – Andy motioned to approve the Nachusa drainage license agreement and Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-20-05]

3. Dranter Dock Improvement Request – Andy motioned to approve the Robert Dranter dock improvement on property located at 1112 White Pine Dr. and Anthony seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-20-06]

D. Anthony O'Brien – No Report

E. Tyler VanKirk – 1. Coyote Hunting - For the next hunting season, Tyler would like to allow hunters to bow hunt coyote on the north side of the creek north of the campground from January through March during daylight hours. Below are the IDNR Rules on hunting coyote:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/adrules/Documents/17-550.pdf#search=coyote%20hunting>

(Coyote and Striped Skunk

1) Hunting dates: Year around except as noted in Section 550.10(a).

2) Hunting hours: One-half hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, except from the opening date of the red fox and gray fox hunting season through March 15, when statewide hunting hours are unrestricted, and except during archery deer season when coyote and striped skunk bow hunting hours shall coincide with the statewide archery deer hunting hours, as specified in Section 2.26 of the Wildlife Code. Hunting before ½ hour prior to sunrise or after ½ hour after sunset is a Class A misdemeanor with a minimum \$500 fine and a maximum \$5,000 fine, in addition to other statutory penalties, except when hours are unrestricted (see 520 ILCS 5/2.33(y)). 3) Daily limit and possession limit: None.

VI. Employee Reports - Becky is working on boat stickers right now and she and Bill will be starting work on the preliminary FY'20-'21 budget.

VII. Old Business

A. Schedule of Public Meeting on Dredging – The board is looking to hold a public forum on dredging on May 16th. Andy is going to construct a letter inviting the public to the meeting. The board can then review it and Becky can mail it to all the district property owners when/if the board approves it.

B. Amendment to Prohibit Wave Runners Amendment [03-20-07] An Amendment to the Ordinance Chapter XII Section C, Boating – Bill motioned to prohibit the use of electric wave runners or other similar electric-powered watercraft from all areas on or immediately within the boundaries of Lost Lake. These forms of watercraft cause and result in creating wake energy and shoreline erosion, sediment resuspension and nearshore turbidity which impedes the long-term planning goals of the Lost Lake Restoration and Dredging Program. Anthony seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-20-07]

VIII. New Business

A. Study Whether the Lake Should/Should Not Be Lowered Each Year – Andy asked for a volunteer from the board to perform a study as to whether the lake should or should not be lowered each year. He would like the study to include contacting 3-6 lake communities and finding out what they do. Anthony volunteered to perform the study. Andy said that the dam will also need to be inspected this year by Wendler.

B. Wendler Invoice for \$4,825 – Andy motioned to approve the Wendler Invoice for \$4,825 and Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-20-08]

IX. Guest Comments

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Jerry Sellers – Coyote Hunting - Jerry asked how they would hunt the coyotes on RCD property (baiting, dogs, etc.). Tyler said that hunting would be limited to the hunters that would sign up for deer hunting and that it would be bow hunting using a distress call only. Jerry said that he didn't think that hunting the coyotes on the RCD property would make much difference since they have such a large area that they roam. **Lake Lowering** - Jerry said that dock owners like to work on their docks when the lake is lowered and it also cuts down on ice heaving. He added that when they raise the lake up, they should consider fish spawning when timing it.

Norm Eakley – Coyote Hunting - Norm asked about DNR Coyote Trapping rules and Tyler said that you have to kill them. **Lake Back to Pool** - Norm asked how long the lake goes back to pool when the boards are put back in and Bill said about 24-48 hours.

- X. Motion to Adjourn** – Bill motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. and Anthony seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-20-09]

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