



Thursday, January 17, 2019 6:00 p.m.

LNNLRCD Meeting

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

- II. **Motion to Approve the Agenda:** Joan motioned to approve the agenda and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-19-01]

- III. **Motion to Approve 12/13/18 Minutes:** Andy motioned to approve the 12/13/18 minutes and Joan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-19-02]

- IV. **Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report:** Bill asked what the RCD pays for POA for their newsletter article insert and Becky said that they just paid an invoice of around \$167.20 the 2-page Winter 2018/2019 Newsletter and if they submit one page, it may be a little less but she's not sure. Andy asked if it would be half and Becky said that she didn't think it was half but she'd have to look back (*they paid \$167.20 for the 2-page summer 2018 article, \$81.72 for the 2-page winter 2017/2018 article, and \$167.20 for the 1-page summer 2017 submission*). Andy motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Ernie seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-19-03]

- V. **Board Member Reports**
 - A. **Bill Winebaugh**
 1. **Survey of 22 Acres** – It was brought to the RCD's attention that the procedure they used of requesting bids of a survey company was not in accordance with state law because it is considered a professional service so the RCD had to pull their bid opening. The RCD is going to redo it following an IL statutory procedure called a "request for qualifications", which may actually work to their benefit. According to the procedure, the RCD is to request qualifications from different engineering firms, pick the best one based on their qualifications, and then determine a price with the firm that they pick. The professional services also don't have to pay prevailing wages. Bill said that the law is called LGPSSA, which stands for Local Government Professional Services Selection Act, found under 50 ILCS 510 in the Illinois statutes. Bill said that this shouldn't hold the RCD back.

 2. **Review of Closed Executive Session Minutes:** Bill has reviewed the closed executive session minutes and recommends that they remain closed. Ernie motioned to keep the executive session minutes that Bill reviewed closed per his recommendation and Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-19-04]

 - B. **Andy Warcaba**
 1. **Silt Monitoring Program for Clear Creek Basin** – Andy said that in prior years, the silt basin wasn't cleaned out every year (*in looking at the records, except for 2013 & 2015, the past boards have had it cleaned out every year since 2008*). The current board has been having the Flagg Rd Silt Basin cleaned out every year, and at their last meeting, Frank Durkin suggested that they clean it out more often and Andy thought that was a good idea. Each time they have it done, it costs \$2,500 for the contractor to pull the silt from creek and another \$2,500 to have the dewatered silt hauled away. Andy talked to Shawn about having him take a base measurement since they recently had it cleaned out and then going out once a month or after each big rain event to measure how much silt is accumulating and maybe they would want to clean it out again in the summer instead of waiting until the fall. Ernie said that he thinks that they should do it twice a year because it is well worth the money. Bill agreed with Ernie, saying, "If it were necessary". Bill Nordman said that the last time they had it done (by a different

contractor) it hadn't been done completely so he has two big piles out there to be removed. Bill said maybe it was done properly last time and it's just filled in that much or perhaps it wasn't done adequately the last time. By sounding the depth of the water and seeing how much silt we have in there, that should help. Andy said that Rick Kennay may take that dewatered silt (*at no charge*) and that would save (*the RCD*) some money. Bill told Ernie that they have someone who may take the silt so when the weather breaks, if he's going to get some, he better get it. Ernie said that he went down there and looked at it and it's 90% sand. Andy said that if Ernie could mix it in with clay, that's probably what he (*Rick*) is going to do. Becky asked Andy if he talked to Rick Kennay about how often he might take that (*silt*) and Andy said he will. Ernie asked if he (*Rick*) was a farmer and he was going to incorporate it into his fields and Andy said yes. Bill said that they'll keep an eye on that so that he can take it when the weather is nice so that he doesn't tear it up back there or leave a mess on Flagg Rd. Andy said that he (*Rick*) will have to wait until the roads are posted. Ernie said that if Shawn is going to take sound readings, he can take his boat out and volunteer do help him. Andy said that he told Shawn that if he goes over there to let Becky know as he doesn't want him going alone and Ernie said he'll go with him.

C. Joan Bonnamy – Grant Funded Property Annual Walk-Through - Bill asked Joan if she and Joe Rush were able to walk the RCD property that needs to be inspected annually and Joan said that it poured rain the day that they were to do it so they are just going to wait.

Schings Park - Bill told Joan that he would like to explore some different ideas with her for Schings Park as the RCD's mowing expenses have increased and he's trying to figure out a way to trim them. He's hoping with her expertise and with the rest of the board's help too, that they can figure out a way to plant native grasses and have a walking path or something on the property. Joan said that they have plans that would be available. Bill added that they would have to work with their neighbors there so that they (*the neighbors*) don't look at it as a big weed pile and start mowing it on their own. Becky said that in the past the board decided to let Schings go natural, which she knows is not the same as what Bill is trying to do. She said that hopefully, they'll have enough volunteers to help with a good plan (*so that the native grasses get established*) rather than just letting it go so it doesn't get out of hand like it did in the past. Bill said that's what they are discussing and Joan said they would have to work on that and they can also tap into the U of I extension in Oregon – there are people that need so many hours to maintain their master gardener's license so they are sometimes looking for projects – Joan said she knows the person there and she will call her.

Controlled Burn of Property North of the Campground - Bill said that he also talked to Mike Carr, who is a steward for Nachusa Grasslands, and he has been coordinating the controlled burns on the Nachusa property that is located north of the RCD's property north of the campground creek where the RCD allows hunting. They are interested in doing more of a burn on the RCD property to get rid of the invasive species and the woody, fibrous material. They want to work with the RCD rather than doing it on their own. Andy asked if it was just that area or around the lake and Bill said just that area. Mike is going to talk to Bill Kleiman and have him get in touch with him (*Bill W.*) and when he gets more information, he'll contact the board. He's hoping that if Nachusa will give them some education (*on control burns*) and perhaps supply the chemicals, then maybe the RCD could have a volunteer work day and supply the manpower. Ernie asked Bill if he has ever done controlled burns before and Bill said yes, he used to do it for a living. Ernie said that he used to do it too when he worked for the park district and you gotta know what your doing. Bill said that they do - they (*Nachusa*) has a well-trained fire crew. That is something that he is working on – it'll be good to get rid of the invasive species such as honeysuckle.

D. Ernie Richards – Animal Control – Deer - Ernie said that deer season is over. Becky said that there were four recorded deer shot w/ a bow on RCD property – three of them were harvested and one got away. Ernie asked Becky to tell the hunters to remove their deer stands in early spring as soon as the weather turns nice. Bill said they probably should, especially before they do controlled burn of the area.

Geese - Ernie said he hasn't seen very many geese on the lake. Bill and Becky have seen many migratory geese.
Beaver - Ernie said he hasn't seen any sign of beaver.

Fish - Ernie said that there's about 2 ½ - 3 inches of ice on the lake right now so in about 2 weeks it'll probably be thick enough to go out on and fish.

Bill said that he tried to contact Shawn Price (their commercial carp fisherman) and he has not returned his call. He is going to try to get an early start on getting their permit from the DNR this year so that they can try to catch the females in the early spring when they are spawning. Ernie asked if they thought about getting some commercial fisherman out here to net the Carp at no cost. He added that they are very good and would let the game fish go. Bill said that the RCD has a commercial fisherman now and Ernie said that he charges us though. Ernie said that there is a market for Carp and Bill agreed. Bill said that the commercial fisherman that they use (*Shawn Price*) charges them \$500 a day to net the carp. Andy asked Bill if it was hard to get ahold of the commercial fisherman and Bill said that sometimes he's pretty busy - he has a big article in the Illinois Outdoor Digest this month. Bill said he'll give it another week and then he'll make another phone call.

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A. Motion to Approve Mapping Network Invoice for \$15,900.00: Andy asked Joe Rush if he felt that they completed the work, did a good job, and did everything that they said that they would do and Joe said that they did so Andy doesn't feel that they need to come back for anything related to the initial scope of work. Becky asked if they would provide a written report as well or if we've gotten everything that they are going to provide to us. Andy said that according to Joe, he has everything that he needs. Andy motioned to approve The Mapping Network invoice for \$15,900 and Joan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-19-05]

B. Motion to Approve JadEco Invoice for \$3,389.85: Andy said he thinks that Joe is doing a great job for us and Becky said the invoice was for work that he's done for us from July to now. Andy motioned to approve the JadEco invoice for \$3,389.85 and Ernie seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-19-06]

VIII. Guest Comments – Walt Shambaugh – Walt asked if the invoice for The Mapping Network for the silt basin on the 22 acres and Bill said no, that was for the measuring and mapping the amount of silt that is in the lake. Walt asked if they know anything about the silt basin and Bill said not until they get an engineering firm to look at it and tell them if they can even do it and the approximate cost to do it.

IX. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Ernie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m. and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-19-07]

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