



LNNLRCD

Saturday, April 22, 2017 9:00AM

- I. **Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance** – Jim called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
- II. **Welcome Newest Board Member, Joan Bonnamy** – the board welcomed Joan and she gave the board a brief history of her life and experience as a science teacher for 25 years, working with the school boards and administration, and performing water quality testing.
- III. **Motion to Approve the Agenda** – Andy motioned to approve the agenda and Joan seconded the motion and the motion carried but then Becky recalled that they needed to amend the agenda so Jim motioned to approve the agenda with the change of D. of New Business to “Motion to adjourn to Executive Session: Discuss Quit Claim Deed of Park Drive Park to RCD, 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5) and Employment Matters, 5ILCS/2(c)(1)” and the addition of item F. Motion to Hire Shawn Parish as Employee. Andy seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [04-17-01]
- IV. **Motion to Approve the 3/22/17 & 3/22/17 Executive Session Minutes** – Bill motioned to approve the 3/22/17 and 3/22/17 executive session minutes and Joan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [04-17-02]
- V. **Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report** – Pat Benton asked to hear the highlights of the treasurer's report and Becky read off the expenses from March. Pat asked what the RCD's total assets were and Becky said that they had \$195,974.72 cash on hand and \$1,796,541.78 in total assets as of March 31st. Pat asked if they owed any money and Becky said no. Bill motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [04-17-03]
- VI. **Board Member Reports**
 - A. **Jim Brown - President** - Jim is working with Sue Hill and the sheriff's department regarding the damage that someone did at RCD's Memorial Park where they cut donuts in the grass. The damage to RCD property is minimal as it was mostly done on the contiguous lot that the POA owns. Bill asked for clarification on where the damage was done as he thought that it was mainly done on RCD property but Jim said that most of the damage was on POA property – there were only straight tracks on the RCD property which led to the donuts that the person made on POA property.
 - B. **Bill Winebaugh – VP – Goose Patrol** – Ron Fredrick is heading that up.
 - C. **Andy Warcaba – Secretary – Schings Park Update** - Jim said that Winterland is ready to go as soon as the ground is hard enough for him to get a truck in there. Andy said that he, Jim, and Becky met on April 10th with Scott Brown (Wendler), Jeff Winterland, and Charlie Moore and Sue Hill (POA) to talk about pre-construction and how they are going to handle the roads. They are going to haul the silt out that is piled up there, stabilize the shoreline, and grade and seed the area. Once they get Schings Park cleaned up and stabilized, he wants to plan a celebratory wiener roast.
 - D. **Joan Bonnamy – Member at Large – No Report**
- VII. **Old Business**
 - A. **Security (Bill)** – Bill has no new information on that. Jim said that he was trying to ahold of the RCD's insurance company to see if they would insure them as part-time employees and Becky said that she had talked to the insurance company that handles their workman's comp, State Farm, and their representative, Shane Huber said that they could not cover them as security officers because of the nature of their work and the fact that they might possibly have a firearm in the possession as off-duty police officers - he said that they would need to find an insurance broker that can handle insurance bonding of that nature. Bill said that his own personal opinion is that in this day and age of conceal carry, he doesn't understand why some insurance companies (such as state farm) don't want to touch it. He added that they are trying to find other options/agents that would cover them. Andy said that he thought that the insurance officers were going to pursue providing their own insurance and the RCD would reimburse them. Bill said that they were; however, the latest information that he got from them was that the area that the RCD owns that they would be patrolling was too small for them to get a policy on. Andy would like to

organize a meeting w/ the RCD, POA and security officers to get this finalized and Bill said that he doesn't think that the problem is with those three entities; rather, it is with the insurance companies. Joan Bonnamy suggested that they could talk to the insurance company that the POA uses and try to work together on a policy that would cover them on our property and Jim said the only way that they could do that would be to pull out of their insurance and the cost of that insurance was over double the amount (\$4,000 vs. \$9,000). Andy asked if they are getting the same insurance package for the \$4,000 that they got for \$9,000 and Becky said that she wasn't involved in negotiating that (former president Glenn Baldwin was); however, she has electronic files of the old policy if he'd like to look at them. Andy asked Becky to supply him with the old and new policies so that he could compare them. Jim said that he could also talk to Wes Jaros, who sold an agency in Downers Grove but may have connections with a company that could provide it.

B. Carp Fisherman Scheduled for 5/6 (Bill) – The professional carp fisherman is scheduled to come out the 6th and 7th of May (*as of May 1, the fisherman will actually be out on the 7th and 8th of May*). He'll be using a gill net to try to catch as many carp as he can. They will pay him to remove the fish and he keeps them so the RCD doesn't have to worry about disposal of the fish. Any game fish that he catches he will release back into the lake. They will put notices up at the gates and the docks to warn them to avoid the nets in the water. With the water being lower, the fish will be more concentrated so they should be able to net more of them. The license that the DNR gave them is good for one year – Bill thought it would be good for them to have the fisherman come out again in the fall and concentrate on larger shad removal while he hopes that the game fish that they stocked will take care of the smaller shad. Frank Durkin said that the more carp that they remove from the lake, the better. Bill agreed that getting rid of the carp will help; however, he added that there is so much silt that comes into the lake after each significant rainfall that they are always going to deal with turbidity in the water. He'd like to look at establishing more weed beds along the shorelines and in the lake to help filter some of that silt runoff. Frank said that they should post the results of the carp fishing in the newsletter so that the taxpayers in the community know that the RCD is making positive changes to the lake. Bill said that the RCD is working closely with the POA on the newsletter and they are going to get that information to people through that and the town hall meeting that is to take place in May. Jim said that they were planning on raising the lake as soon as they dredged the areas around the docks but asked Bill if they should check with him first to see what the carp fisherman wants. Bill said that it really doesn't make any difference to the fisherman; however, Bill said that it can't hurt to have the lake lower.

C. Town Hall Mtg. Topics (Jim) – The town hall meeting is going to take place on May 13th after their regular meeting. He wants it to be an open forum to inform the public of what the RCD is doing and to allow property owners in the district to discuss items that concern them. One of the things that Jim wants to talk about at the meeting is addressing some of the RCD infrastructure that has been put on the back burner to save money for dredging while also obtaining a dredging survey so that they can get an estimate of what it would cost to dredge the whole lake. Andy said that one thing he would like to do at the meeting is explain to the audience what the RCD is and what their role in the community is. Jim said that the RCD is charged by the state with maintaining the lake within the district that this community surrounds. It was originally a stream in which they installed a dam that made it a lake but it's really just a wide spot in the creek. They've pretty much got all of the property that is upstream of the lake that Babbling Brook runs through remediated except for one (Fellows) and the property that Clear Creek runs through that is immediately upstream of the lake is owned by Nachusa Grasslands. They applied for a joint grant through the EPA w/ the Fellows but were turned down because there were other areas that were defined as a greater need. The EPA encouraged the RCD to apply the following year; however, the Fellows' had already spent the money that they had set aside for the grant on other projects that they wanted to get done and so now The Fellows now want to wait about 3-4 years before they do stream remediation to their property and so we would apply for a grant again at that time. The EPA grant that they partnered with Ed Bettner on a few years ago was for \$600,000 and included the installation of a silt basin, re-meandering the stream, rip-rapping much of the stream shoreline, and creating designated cattle crossings. On Clear Creek, Nachusa Grasslands converted 105 acres into prairie and they are pulling up as much tile as they can which creates wetlands which help absorb nutrients from runoff before it enters the streams. Jim discussed a feedlot off of Clear Creek that may be contributing to the high E.coli levels that the lake experiences during significant rain events. The EPA has been alerted to the situation. Jim said that he would like to take water samples above and below the site and also wants to talk to Bill Kleiman from Nachusa and find out how involved they may have been and what they may be able to do as a combined force to remediate it. Jim said that if any of the board members want to add a topic to be discussed at the town hall meeting to let Becky know. Pat Benton said that he signed up on the website to get information sent to his email and said that he very occasionally gets information but otherwise he mostly only gets it off of Facebook. He asked if they would start using it more to get information out on things such as the meetings. Becky said that a prior board member coordinated that and when they designed the website, the email sign up was established; however, since then, nothing has been done on it. Andy said that he would look into that.

D. Date to Raise Lake Pool (Andy) – Andy said that he originally was going to have the lake raised by May 1st; however, if they want to wait until after the carp fisherman is done he doesn't see that an extra week is going to make a big difference. Bill said that the fisherman can do it either way, he thinks that it would depend more on the dredging of the boat areas and the installation of the boat docks because having the lake down for that would make those jobs easier. Andy asked Becky to find out if Oltmanns is available on the 8th to put the boards back in.

E. LCC Parking Lot Improvement (Andy) – Jim looked at the LCC parking lot with Herbig last year and they determined that it is going to cost a lot of money to redo the lot as there are 4 different layers put down with no substantial base and each layer drains in a different manner. Andy has a report from Wendler that he'll have Becky distribute to the board members for their review. Frank said that a number of years ago he submitted a plan redo the parking lot he'd like to have an opportunity to sit down with them and review the plan that they have. Andy asked if Frank had an extra copy of the plan to give to him and Frank said yes, he could get it to him and Bill said he'd like to see it also.

F. Progress on LCC Dock Improve. & Build Boat Docks for Rent & at Boat Slips (Jim) – Jim said that they are replacing all of the service docks at the three locations (N. Beach, E. Boat Landing, and Park Drive Park) and the rental docks at the two locations (E. Boat Landing and Park Drive Park) with 4x10 aluminum roll-in docks. After the silt at those locations is dredged out they will get those docks installed. Andy asked Becky to give a highlight of how they came up with the new rental fee for the docks so that they will pay for themselves in 5 years. When she took the cost to purchase, install, maintain, & dredge the areas and divided that number by the dock spaces and by 5 years she estimated the fee to be about \$300. Andy said that they also looked at providing electricity to the sites; however, there proved to be too many obstacles to it so they are suggesting that boat owners could install solar units to trickle charge their batteries as he understands that there are some efficient ones out there. An audience member asked if they would dredge the boat access ramp areas at the same time that they dredge the boat dock areas and Jim said yes.

G. Tennis Court Resurfacing (Becky) – The company that resurfaced the tennis court back in 2008 for \$2,000 is not in business anymore. Becky found out who the Dixon Park District uses (they spent about \$4,000 apiece on theirs) and got a contact number for that outfit- they are out of Lombard. She is waiting for Shawn to provide her with pictures and dimensions of the court so that she can get a quote from them. Jim said they are going to make it a pickle ball court too.

VIII. New Business

A. Motion to Pass Res. 01-2017, Prep. Of Tentative FY2017-2018 Budget and Appropriation by Treasurer – Jim read off the resolution (see attachment 1). Jim motioned to pass resolution 01-2017, preparation of tentative FY2017-2018 budget and appropriation by treasurer and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [04-17-04]

B. Motion to Approve Winterland Invoice #R17-001 for \$1,700 for Tennis Court Clean Up (Andy) – Andy said that Jeff and Shawn cleaned up the debris and old fencing that was by the tennis court. Jim motioned to approve a \$1,700 payment to Jeff Winterland for cleaning up the tennis court area and helping move the new dock section in at the LCC. Andy seconded the motion and the board approved it with Jim, Andy and Bill in favor of it and Joan abstaining from the vote. [04-17-05]

C. Motion to Approve Winterland Invoice #R17002 for \$2,475 for Dam & Campground Rds. & Setting LCC Dock (Bill) – Jim motioned to approve paying Jeff Winterland \$2,475 to resurface areas of the gravel road over the dam and leading to the campground. Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with Jim, Andy and Bill in favor of it and Joan abstaining from the vote. [04-17-06]

Guest Comments:

Leslie Edgar – E-mail Distribution - Leslie said that the POA does a mass email distribution through mail chimp that doesn't cost them anything and it's pretty simple to use and she would gladly show Becky how to use it. Carla said that it would be a good way for the RCD to get information out to a lot of people.

Jim Brown – Dredging – overall property values in the RCD district produce about \$50,000 less a year for the RCD and that limits them on how much dredging they can do. Jim wants to have an engineering study done on dredging the entire lake that will include a cost estimate (which Jim figures will be close to \$1,000,000. Then they could break it down into smaller sections that they could do every other year. They have the power to request a special assessment be voted on – it would take about 10 years of doubling

everyone's RCD tax to pay for dredging the lake – he doesn't think that is going to fly; he doesn't even want it to happen to him as a property owner. Dixon Park District has the same problem and one of his suggestions was to expand the park district's boundaries. Jim said that he wants to talk to the county and find out if that could be a possibility for the RCD – if they were allowed to expand the district out further into the watershed there would be more property owners included to generate taxes to maintain the lake the way it should be. The current board, being newer members, are choosing not to just save money for dredging but to use some of the money to fix the infrastructure that is obviously broken. So they are eating into that reserve fund that was being built up for dredging and once they get all of the properties fixed, they will go back to building that fund up again.

Docks – They have a five foot limit on how far docks can protrude into the water and Jim said that with the depth of the silt along the shores, he feels that docks need to be longer. Jim would like the community's opinion on that.

D. Motion to adjourn to Executive Session: Discuss Quit Claim Deed of Park Drive Park to RCD, 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5) and Employment Matters, 5ILCS120/2(c)(1) - Jim motioned to adjourn to executive session to discuss quit claim deed of Park Drive Park to RCD (5ILCS120/2(c)(5)) and employment matters (5ILCS120/2(c)(1)) at 10:10 a.m. Joan seconded the motion and the board approved it unanimously by roll-call vote. [04-17-07]

E. Reconvene Meeting – Jim reconvened the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

F. Motion to Hire Shawn Parish as Employee: Jim motioned to hire Shawn Parish as an employee, contingent upon creating an employee contract with him and starting July 1st and Joan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [04-17-08]

IX. Guest Comments

- X. Motion to Adjourn** – Jim motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [04-17-09]

4/22/17 Motion List

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Attachment 1

Resolution 01-2017
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RIVER
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Preparation of Tentative FY2017-2018
Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2017, The Lost Nation - New Landing River Conservancy District of Illinois Board Motions to direct Rebecca Miller, treasurer, to prepare a tentative fiscal year 2017-2018 budget and appropriation ordinance for the period from May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018 for presentation at the May 13, 2017 meeting.

DATED this 22nd day of April, 2017.

 /s/:

Jim Brown, President

 /s/:

Bill Winebaugh, V.P.

 /s/:

Andy Warcaba, Secretary

 /s/:

Joan Bonnamy, Member at Large