



September 13, 2018 6:00 p.m.

LNNLRCD Meeting

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance – Bill called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 – Member at Large
- II. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Andy motioned to approve the agenda w/ the addition of item A. PFP Treasurer Hunt under New Business and Item VII. Old Business. Joan seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-18-01]
- III. **Motion to Approve 8/9/18 and 8/20/18 Special Minutes** – Joan motioned to approve the 8/9/18 and 8/20/18 special minutes and Ernie seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-18-02]
- 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. [09-18-03]
- V. **Board Member Reports**
 - A. **Bill Winebaugh – no report**
 - B. **Andy Warcaba**
 1. **Joe Rush Dredging Work Plan** – Andy passed out a Phase 1 Dredging plan that he and Joe developed that will take the RCD through the end of the year. The two objectives that the plan addresses is 1. Conducting the hydrographic survey of the lake to figure out the quantity of silt in the lake (The Mapping Network cost \$15,900; JadEco cost to oversee The Mapping Network \$2,000-2,500), and 2. To secure budget estimates from a few different engineering firms for survey, design, permitting, and bid documentation to develop a sedimentation deposit area (*located by the RCD's property next to the church on Flagg Rd*). Joe would be assisting with that by helping develop a list of engineers, requesting statements of qualifications from the engineering firms and developing a list of deliverables for the engineers to coordinate budget estimates. In 2019 they would look at how they are going to fund the project (*once they know the cost*) (JadEco cost to oversee \$3,000-3,500). Andy said to sum up, by the end of 2018 the RCD should know what their problems are, what to do with it, and where to put it. In 2019 they will start planning how to attack the dredging. Bill thanked Andy for all the work that he did on it. Andy said he wasn't sure if they needed to vote on this tonight and Bill said that they don't need to vote on The Mapping Network's work because they already voted to approve that at the last meeting and they won't be able to vote on the engineering costs until they have an estimate of the cost. Becky said that since the board already approved hiring Joe as the dredging manager, they won't need to approve his costs until each time he sends them an invoice. Joan asked if they could apply the money that they have budgeted for Joe as aquatic manager to the dredging project and Becky said yes. Ernie asked if Joe knows when (if everything goes smoothly) they can start, whether it be next year or 2020. Andy said that he didn't ask him specifically but that is what will come out of the work in 2018, but, depending on the funding he would be hopeful that they could start next year. Bill added that the big question will be funding and they won't know more until they find out how much sediment that they have and whether it's feasible to put the basin on the 22 acre site.
 2. **Lake Carroll Tour** – Andy directed Becky to call Joe to set up the tour sometime next week. Board member availability was Monday, Thursday or Friday. Tim Spelde asked if The Mapping Network was going to survey the entire lake or could they get a cost savings and only have part of the lake mapped out. Bill said that was a good point, especially as Joe has said in the past that they won't do (*dredge*) the whole lake, they would just target the areas where they can get the most bang for their buck. (*Bill talked with Joe after the meeting and Joe said*

that there would be no cost savings to not map the entire lake. It would actually get more expensive if they had to cut every cove. Mapping the entire lake also provides them with necessary baseline data so that they can track it over time).

C. Joan Bonnamy – no report

D. Ernie Richards –

1. 4-Wheeler Trespassing into Campground and Hunting Area – Ernie mentioned seeing a person riding a 4-wheeler that might be the one that is trespassing on RCD property and Bill said that The RCD has had a person riding a 4-wheeler in the campground, crossing the creek and riding into the hunting area. They put a trail cam up; however, the person took the video card out of it, deleted the information on it and put it back. Bill said that if anyone who lives in that area sees a 4-wheeler going down into that area, please give him a call. John Harris said that last weekend he played golf at the Lost Nation golf course and they'd been complaining that the same individual has been driving on the golf course and damaging the area by hole 4. Bill said that they are not certain where he is coming in; all they know is that he is traveling across both sides of their property. He's tearing up the bank where he's crossing over and pretty soon there will be hunters in there and they are concerned that he will disturb the area.

2. Fish Stocking – Ernie said he had a resident ask if the RCD would be stocking fish this year and Bill said yes; however, they would not be stocking blue catfish because Joe recommended against that. Ernie asked if they would be stocking flathead catfish and Bill said no because they already have enough catfish in their lake and some of them are large. Bill said that he didn't specifically ask Joe about the flatheads but he did ask Joe about the blue catfish and Joe felt that adding catfish would upset the balance of their fishery to by introducing more predators that would feed on their young, especially since they don't have a lot of habitats in the lake such as weed beds and structure. Bill said he is still waiting to hear from Gollon on the Muskie that they are going to stock.

VI. New Business

A. John Harris - Tree on Shoreline – John said that there is a dead willow tree that borders their property, which he feels is on RCD property. One limb fell off last year and destroyed their dock. John removed the dock per the letter that the RCD sent earlier this year. He is planning on putting another dock in and he called Timberman to take a look at it as the tree is composed of 4 different sections, three of which are dead and one section in the middle still has some green on it. John is concerned that the section on the left could fall on their neighbor's patio. The mostly dead tree is preventing him from presenting the dock plan that he wants to do because he doesn't want to put a new dock in there and have the tree fall down on it. The tree is within the six feet that John understands the RCD owns and he received an estimate from Timberman for \$600 to remove it. Bill said that Becky contacted him about John's request and he did some research and called the RCD's attorney to get some information. Bill said that the six feet that John is talking about is just referring to the RCD's ability to govern what shoreline improvements property owners do within that six feet that could impact the lake; it doesn't define ownership. The RCD's shoreline improvement resolution defines that RCD's lake property as follows:

“The “District” is the title owner of said Lost Lake, with its property boundary line fluctuating between normal pool elevation 689.10 and high water elevation of 692.50.”

Bill said he's not sure how you measure that. Bill called the RCD attorney and presented him with all of the information that he has. Verbally, Mr. Zollinger said that if a tree is on RCD property, we have the authority to cut it down but we are not obligated to cut it down. Bill said that he interprets that is that the RCD has the authority if it presents a hazard to life or property, but we are not obligated to and if the RCD started trimming all of the trees around the lake, (*they couldn't afford it*). John said that the majority of the trees around the lake fall directly into the lake while this tree destroyed his dock, which cost him \$200 to remove. John said rest assured, he knows his neighbors, and although he is not speaking for them, if the other limb falls and takes their gazebo out, the RCD will be hearing from them. Bill said that he is not arguing that; he is relaying what the attorney said and has asked the attorney to provide his statement in writing. Bill said that is all the information that he has on that and he doesn't know what the board wants to do. Ernie said that they should cut it down if it's on RCD property. Bill said that he doesn't know if it is on RCD property (*or not*). Ernie said perhaps they could talk to John about splitting the cost to cut the tree down. Bill said that he understands John's situation and he's not arguing that point, but one point that he wanted to bring up was that if they start trimming all the trees along the lake that are adjacent to private property

and may or may not be on RCD property, it would financially ruin the RCD. Bill asked what the board's opinion was on it. Andy asked Becky if there has ever been a precedent set or a similar situation that she knows of and Becky said no, this is the first incident that she knows of that a tree is adjacent to the lake that is abutting private property that needs to be removed. Andy said that he thinks it requires a little more thought on their part; for example, what if the tree were 6 feet closer to John's house and fell into the water, who would be responsible for cleaning that out. Bill said that he asked the attorney that question and John would be responsible and if it's on RCD property and it falls on private property then it would be the RCD's. Andy said that if you go around the lake now, there a plenty of trees in the water that they could be notifying homeowners on to remove them from the water. Andy said that he has changed his boating habits – he used to like drive along the shore but when he gets to the area of the lake on the north and west side where the large pines are leaning, he no longer goes underneath those as they could fall at any time. Becky asked the board would like her to talk to their insurance company about whether they would cover if a tree that was determined to be on RCD property were to fall and damage a neighboring property or a boater. Andy said that that would be good background information and Bill said that he is sure that it does (*cover that*) but they can certainly do that. Andy asked if they would be responsible if someone was boating under a tree that was on RCD property and it fell on them and Bill said that he asked the attorney that question too and he understood from the attorney's response that they wouldn't be responsible for that as they can't control when trees fall. Andy said that someone could come back and say, "Common sense says that the tree was going to fall, why didn't you do something?" and Bill said that certain people could say that, "Common sense says that you don't motor under trees that are leaning hazardously over the water." Bill said that the attorney didn't have all of the RCD's ordinances and resolutions so he is sending it to him in case there is something that Bill missed in his research. Joan said that she thinks that they should wait until they get the attorney's written opinion and Bill agreed. John said he would appreciate it. Bill said that he is hoping to hear from the attorney in the next week but if he doesn't he'll contact him. John said that he'll be on vacation. John said that he appreciates the board hearing him and Bill said that the RCD wants to be a good neighbor and do what they can.

B. Motion to Approve Comptroller AFR – Bill said he went over the report and he found some things that he had questions on and Becky answered some questions for him and made some corrections and he feels it is good now. Andy motioned to approve the FY2018 AFR to file with the comptroller and Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-18-04]

C. PFP Treasure Hunt – Bill said that Pennies for Parks wants to host a fundraiser on October 13th that would be a pirate treasure hunt involving any type of watercraft navigating Lost Lake to access different RCD owned docks, ending at the West Beach with a bonfire and cookout (*people may also access the points by land and participate*). They would be asking for free-will donations from participants to fund it. Becky said that there will be prizes for Best-Dressed Pirate, Best-Decorated Vessel, and a completion prize for everyone who successfully obtains treasure from each of the locations. Bill motioned to allow Pennies for Parks to use the West Beach and various RCD owned docks around the lake for their community treasure hunt and beach party. Joan seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-18-05]

VII. Old Business – no old business

VIII. Guest Comments

A. Frank Durkin – Wildlife Management – Frank asked if the wildlife manager was still active and Bill said to his knowledge he is. Frank said that they start planning for the goose management this spring. Bill said that he noticed an increase in goose activity this fall than he remembered in the past. Frank said he didn't know what the percentage was but they are migrating right now. Frank said that there are still a lot geese starting to develop and he doesn't know what the effort was last year to control the eggs but if they miss a couple of years it makes a difference in the population. Bill said that they did it last year and Becky said that they did it this year as well; Bill added that Ernie was in charge of it and Shawn helped with it. Ernie said that we won't get all of the geese no matter what their efforts as it's a body of water and it'll attract geese. Frank said that he was wildlife manager for 10 years and when they started, they had approximately 3,000 resident geese on the lake and they got it down to a controlled quantity and even though they got some complaints, people realized that it was necessary to maintain the lake. Bill said that it was a pretty controversial subject and he was surprised at the backlash they got last year – he received a few heated phone calls. To help educate the public, Becky put out a really nice article in the

newsletter last year and Bill said that they have a new policy where they will notify the public that they are performing this program along the lake shoreline and if there are private property owners that don't want the RCD treating eggs that are on the shoreline of their property, then they need to notify the RCD. Frank suggested that an article could be put in the newsletter ahead of time to notify the public of the program and ask for volunteers.

B. Tim Spelde – Shad Reduction in the Fall – Tim said that in the past they did a shad reduction program with Matt “Cat Man” Jones using a casting nets. In the winter months the shad start schooling up so they are easier to catch and he asked if the RCD would look into doing that again. Bill said that they could look into that. He also said that he could make a suggestion that would be unpopular with the fishermen of making Lost Lake a “No Live Bait” lake and Ernie said he would quit. Bill said when you buy a bucket of minnows, what's in that bucket and Ernie said that it's not shad. Bill there's a little bit of everything in there. He said it's just a thought and Ernie said don't do that.

C. John Harris – Tree Removal Estimate - John asked if the RCD wanted the estimate from Timberman for the record and Bill said sure.

D. Andy Warcaba – Beaver Trapping – Shawn said that when he rode with the volunteer beaver trapper, he was very knowledgeable about beaver and signs of their activity and it didn't appear that there was anything recent. He will be back later when it's colder if anyone reports any new activity. Joan saw some activity near the Clarey's' house. The permit ends in September so, they will need to renew the permit with the IDNR if they need to.

IX. Motion to Adjourn – Ernie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-18-06]

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