



LNNLRCD Meeting Date: August 4, 2005 Time: 7:00PM

I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Joe called the meeting to order at 7:04.

Board Member	Joe Olliges	-	President
Present:	Jerry Sellers	-	Vice President
	Herb Hill	-	Secretary
	Dan Dummett	-	Member at Large
Absent:	Bill Piper	-	Treasurer

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Presentation of Plaque to Gary Petersen – Joe Olliges presented a plaque to Gary Petersen on behalf of the LNNLRCD, the LNPOA and the NLPOA, along with a gift certificate presented by Sandy Lewis on behalf of the community, for his heroic water rescue of John Kaminski back in December.

IV. Approval of Agenda: Joe requested that C. Jolicoeur Boat Rack at Schings Park Proposal & D. Art Class Selling Wares be added to Old Business. Jerry motioned to approve the agenda with the changes. Dan seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. [08-05-01]

V. Approval of Minutes: Dan motioned to approve the June 28, 2005 minutes. Jerry seconded the motion. Motion approved by roll-call vote. [08-05-02]

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VI. Treasurer's Report: Becky went over the treasurer's report in Bill's absence. She and Bill changed the Balance sheet to a more simplified layout. They also added the loan balance of \$95,811.77 to the Balance sheet under *Long Term Liabilities*. The board was satisfied with the new layout of the balance sheet. Joe asked that, in the Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual Report that the *Notes Payable - \$98,000* line item heading be changed to \$95,811.77 to match the balance sheet. Dan asked about the progress on trying to get the actual worth of the property that the RCD owns and Jerry said that he was working with Jim Harrison from the Supervisor of Assessments office and has found about \$350,000 worth of property so far, however, he is not done going through the records yet. Joe motioned to approve the treasurer's report, with the change of Notes Payable to indicate \$95,811.77. Dan seconded the motion. Motion approved by roll call vote with Herb abstaining and Joe, Jerry, and Dan approving it. [08-05-04]

VII. Board Member Reports

A. Joe Olliges – LCC Update – Joe contacted attorney Nye and asked him about the statute that the RCD runs under which states that the RCD must at least cover operating costs of a building that it owns. Joe wants to look at other communities and find out what they charge for similar facilities before making any decisions.

B. Bill Piper – No Report

C. Herb Hill – 1. Campground – Herb is going to be putting in the wooden posts to mark each of up to ten campsites. He showed the board a sample of a pocket protector that he would like to attach to each site with a clip for the campers to put their passes in. He is going to get prices on fire rings to put at each site. Joe asked Herb what his opinion was on burning at the campground and whether the ban should be lifted.

He added that it was pretty green down there. The board agreed to lift the open burning ban at the campground.

2. Finishing Work at LCC – Herb is trying to work with Mike from Superior, as he is not satisfied with the lack of grass that is there, despite the RCD's continual watering of the lawn. Herb put down more fertilizer and grass seed and will try to get a final tally of the expenses to be taken from Superior's bill so that he can get them a final payout.

D. Jerry Sellers – Jerry, Joe, and Frank Durkin went to the IALC meeting yesterday, which they found to be very informative. The topic was Utilities. Woodhaven represented themselves in their rate case.

E. Dan Dummett – Tennis Courts – In the fall Dan may be able to talk with the company who did the City of Dixon's tennis courts – they are all really busy this summer.

VIII. Employee Reports

IX. Old Business

A. LMC Update – Jerry read his 5-step recommendation to the LMC from the RCD (see attachment 1). The LMC got their first laboratory report back from Peoria and some volunteers also got started in reinitiated Sechi test readings of the lake, which measures clarity. Tina O'Malley did it back in 2001 for a couple of months and the fishing club did it a couple of years ago for a couple months. The report that they got back from the lab indicated that they have a phosphorus problem in the lake. Nitrate levels, however, were low. Dan asked if they can tell what the cause of the high phosphorus count is and Jerry said that it could be coming off of the farmers' fields upstream, if they are using some sort of phosphorus based materials for agriculture, or it could be something coming off of the lakefront properties. Jerry continued that in everything he has read, phosphorus is the biggest contributor to lake problems, however, it can be remediated with, for example, aluminum salts. He added that there would have to be more research done first. Joe asked whether the high phosphorus reading could be coming from bad septic systems leaching into the lake and Jerry said that for it to be caused by the septic systems, there would have to be both high phosphorus and high nitrate levels and our nitrate levels are very low so that indicates that it is not caused by septic systems.

Dan Pierce has agreed to meet on August 23rd with Jerry and Frank to review Orland's property. He has also agreed to have a specialist come in to develop a pasture management program for Nachusa and Orland's property. Frank Orland gave Jerry permission to get the county soil and water conservationist involved in the situation and would be willing to meet with him sometime in September or October.

Beaver – Tom Clarey spoke with Sid Butler after doing a scan of the shoreline past the creek and there is no activity that he has noted. Sid said that this is the time of year that they are going to be out with their young, rather than gnawing trees. Tom did see two dens, which they will monitor. Sid said that as soon as they see any more damage or gnawing activity to give him a call. Jerry said that if anyone sees any beaver activity, to give him a call or e-mail him.

B. Golf Cart – Joe spoke with Chuck Corley with the EPA office down in Springfield who said that the EPA doesn't have a rule that allows the cart to remain in the lake. The RCD has also spoken with Ron Palumbo, out of the IDNR office in Rochelle, who has spoken to John Kaminski. Ron conferred with his boss, Kurt Lewis, and they both have declined to issue any citations for the cart being in the lake due to the lack of any evidence of pollution or fish kill. Joe invited John Kaminski to the meeting to speak on his behalf. Joe said that his own personal feeling that the cart is not a detriment to the lake, however, as the EPA said in his conversation with them, if the RCD allows it to remain in the lake, they are sending out a message to anybody who wants to get rid of something that they can dump it in the lake because the RCD won't do anything about it. Now their dilemma is finding the cart. It was suggested that perhaps they could find a diving team that would like to practice, however, the only local one that Joe is aware of is the Byron Fire Dept.

John read off his letter, which indicated that, with the assistance of a number of people, he attempted to locate the golf cart, spending two days using two boats and two depth finders, a probing pole, drag chains, and scuba diving gear. Additionally, a number of other helpful fishermen covered the area with their boats and fish finders. They found various other items in the lake, presumably put in to provide structure for the

fish, unfortunately, no golf cart. Because he cannot locate the cart at this time, he feels that it would be no more of a danger than the aforementioned structure that is there and asks that further attempts to locate the cart be deferred until such time as there is a more reasonable chance of locating it, for example, when the lake is lowered for dredging or the boards go out. If the RCD requires his presence at future meetings, he asks that they contact him, as he is usually available to attend. He finished off saying that he has, through the years, been a good guardian of the lake and remains committed to this principle. John spoke with Bill Piper who knows someone (who was on vacation at the time) who may have a much more powerful and accurate fish finder. When the gentleman gets back from vacation, they are supposed to get together and attempt to locate the cart. Jerry suggested to John that he put something in the next newsletter to inform the public what he has been doing to try to get the cart out. The board was satisfied that John has been doing all that he can to get the cart out. His next course of action will be either to get in contact with the gentleman who has a more powerful fish finder or to possibly try to locate a local diving group who may be interested in practicing their diving in the lake. John may put an article in the newsletter asking that if anyone finds it to give him a call so that he can retrieve it.

C. Chuck Jolicoeur Boat Rack Proposal – Chuck would like to construct a boat rack on Schings Park (to the same specifications as the other boat racks on RCD property, except not as deep) to store his boats and a couple of his neighbors boats. Also, anyone else would be allowed to use the rack if there is space available. Joe said that his concern would be that the RCD maintains the property and mowing and weed whacking around the racks would be harder and more costly than the regular mowing that is done there now. He said that there are still open spots on the racks that are up now and that once the RCD does a boat round up, there will be more available spots. Jerry was afraid it would set a precedent wherein other people would want to build boat racks. Herb agreed that if they have empty spaces on boat racks, we don't need more racks at this time. Dan was concerned with the liability on it would be. Jerry feels that if another boat rack were needed, that area would be a likely spot for one to be built, and only by the RCD. Tabled until September.

D. Art Class Request to Sell Wares in Lake Court Center

Joe asked the attorney whether there was anything the statutes that the RCD runs under that prohibit the selling of wares on our property. Attorney Nye responded as follows:

There is nothing to prevent the Board from authorizing the sale of wares on District property from time to time. Most of our governmental clients do not very often authorize such sales, however, unless they are of a non-profit or charitable nature to providing food services for specific events.

The board will take each request to sell items on RCD property on a case by case basis with their allowing the art group to sell their paintings not be a precedent setting motion.

Jerry motioned to allow the art group to sell and display prices on and sell their paintings at the art show scheduled on October 9th, 2005. Dan seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-05-05]

Jerry said that if the art group wants more than just the RCD district community to be able to attend this event, then they need to get permission from each of the POAs to allow people to travel on their roads.

X. New Business -

A. Orland/Kiburz Shoreline Improvement – The dock that they want to construct is 10' by 5' and will only hang over the water by 2 feet and will be located 2 feet above the water level. Joe motioned to approve the 10' by 5' dock Orland Kiburz shoreline improvement request, property of which is located at the north end of the lake between the dam and the North Beach. Jerry seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-05-06]

Joe scheduled an executive session, topic: acquisition, tonight, upon adjournment of this meeting and after the Tax Levy hearing on August 16th.

XI. Guests/Public Opinion

(Limit 10 minutes per guest/group. Please hold all comments until this time).

1. Gene Bronkema – Floating Dock – Gene asked what will be done with the floating dock and Jerry said that it will be discussed at the next fishing club meeting. Tim may have an idea of putting it in on the south end of the lake on lots 12 and 13 on Oak Lane.

XII. Adjourn: Jerry motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40PM. Dan seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-05-07]

Next Scheduled Date: August 16th Tax Levy

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Attachment 1

RCD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Local users and homeowners have the responsibility to come to some agreement on what the lake problems are, clearly stating these problems.
2. Determine how to organize to see that the problems are resolved.
3. Select a competent professional or firm for assistance in interpreting the results of various diagnostic approaches.
4. Diagnose and quantify the problems to determine their causes. Diagnosis guided by consultant. **
5. Once causes of the lake problems are clearly defined, then several alternative watershed management practices and lake restoration techniques can be evaluated to reduce or resolve these problems.

** Diagnosis is generally a two-step process: collating and evaluating existing data and analyzing additional data. Generally, additional data is required, but this first step, at a minimum, identifies major data gaps and provides for the design and implementation of a more cost-effective and efficient data collection program.