



**Thursday, May 16, 2019, 6PM**

## **LNNLRCD Meeting**

**I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance – Welcome Jeff VanQuathem!** – Bill called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Bill Winebaugh – President; Anthony O'Brien – Secretary; Jeff VanQuathem – Member at Large

**Board Members Absent:** Andy Warcaba – VP; Ernie Richards – Member at Large

**II. Motion to Approve the Agenda** – Anthony motioned to approve the agenda and Jeff seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-19-01]

**III. Motion to Approve the 4/11/19 Min.** – Bill motioned to approve the 4/11/19 minutes and Anthony seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-19-02]

**IV. Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report** – Anthony motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Jeff seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [5-10-03]

### **V. Board Member Reports**

**A. Bill Winebaugh – 1. Vandalism of RCD Property** – Bill outlined some minor vandalism of the LCC that has occurred in recent months by local youths. An incident that caused over \$500 worth of damage was caught on the LCC cameras and they were able to identify the families of the youths involved and subsequently contacted them and then the RCD later sent them each an itemized portion of the bill to defray the cost of clean-up and restoration of the damaged areas. Most of the families have paid and Bill directed Becky to send a 2<sup>nd</sup> notice by certified mail to those who have not paid yet. Jeff asked how long ago the payment was due and Becky said April 30<sup>th</sup>. There was another incident that involved a youth and Shawn witnessed last week that will cost about \$25 to repair. Bill asked for input from the rest of the board on how they want to handle what just happened and potential future instances of vandalism. Anthony said that rather than pressing criminal charges, they should send a letter to the family regarding the latest incident and also ask security if they want to talk to the family. Anthony asked, "Since security doesn't work for the RCD, is there a way to have the police talk to them without actually pressing charges?" Bill said that they tried to go that way last time with the damage that was done out here – they were very reluctant to get involved because they couldn't do it without filling out a report – they suggested using security first. Bill said he doesn't know why they couldn't talk to the young men. Becky said that they could talk to them, they were just hoping not to have to press charges. Becky said regarding the trash enclosure incident, she'll contact security to give them Shawn's statement and see if they want to get involved, then she'll send certified follow-up letters to the two families that haven't yet paid their portion of the damages that they caused earlier this spring. Anthony asked Bill what his ideas are and Bill said he understands that they are kids and what kid didn't make forts or throw rocks in the water but we have to be able to draw the line somewhere and say, "Go play in the woods, play at the playground, or shoot baskets but you can't destroy stuff - we can't allow you to come into our house and start tearing stuff up because it costs us time and money." Becky added that if someone is doing something that could be dangerous such as playing around dumpsters or climbing trees and they get injured; the RCD could be liable. Bill asked the other board members what they want to do if this continues; for example, do they keep hitting them (*the perpetrators*) in the pocketbook or do they get the county (*sheriff*)

involved. Jeff said that if step two is sending a certified follow-up letter then is step three going to the county to press criminal charges? Becky said in talking to the sheriff's dept., the next step if having security talk to them and having them reimburse damages didn't work then they could go the "press charges" route. The board continued to discuss what they should do. Shawn asked if they are going to put anything in the newsletter too and Bill said absolutely, making sure not to mention names.

**2. Status of Watershed Partnership / Reestablishment of VLMP** – Becky explained what the watershed partnership was – it was established in 2009 and started with a mapping of the entire 10,000-acre watershed that drains into Lost Lake, known as the Clear Creek and Babbling Brook Watershed. The Clear Creek Watershed Partnership or CCWP, was spear-headed by the RCD and is comprised of landowners within the watershed as well as the RCD. A technical advisory committee of representatives from different governmental and environmental organization such as the IDNR, the NRCS, Dept. of Ag, Univ. of IL Extension, and Army Corp of IL also attend meetings as needed. Thanks to the CCWP, the RCD was able to obtain 60/40 grants from the IL EPA worth over \$1,000,000 to go toward upstream and lakeshore stabilization in 2012 and 2015. It was a critical step toward remediating as much non-point source pollution and run-off entering the lake that the RCD could before proceeding to the future dredging program that they want to accomplish. A board member needs to volunteer to head the committee and they would have help from Becky, Rebecca Olson, and Joe Rush in hosting the meetings. The downside to this is the cost to have Rebecca and Joe attend a meeting can cost upwards of \$700 apiece so it is not something that we want to engage in lightly but it is a worthy program. Another consideration is re-establishing the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) program that the RCD was involved in before. That would require a board member to head it up and at least 2-3 more volunteers who are willing to take secchi disk readings and water samples twice a month and mail them out. The results of the findings are then sent to Joe Rush, who compiles the data and uses it to help us further manage our lake. If the board does decide to re-establish the VLMP program, Joe Rush would be able to train the volunteers on how to take readings and take water samples. Bill asked what the board thought about re-establishing the VLMP program and Anthony said that he agrees that it should be re-established; however, they should try to keep the costs at a minimum. Becky said that the VLMP costs would be low, it would be the CCWP meetings that can get costly and Bill said that when Rebecca and Joe show up for those meetings, the meter is running. Becky said that for the VLMP, there would be an initial cost for Joe to come out and train the volunteers. The volunteers would have to be committed to getting into the boat and take water samples and taking secchi disk readings twice a month. Anthony said that they should put a post in the newsletter for volunteers and see if they can get enough interest. Anthony said that they could have Joe coordinate training with a time that he is already down here for his other duties to save on traveling costs. Anthony said that he would volunteer to help with the program.

**3.** Bill welcomed Jeff to the board and asked him to tell a little about himself. Jeff has lived here since July 2003. Andy asked him to apply for the open position to hopefully use his financial background to see how much of the project we can afford. At the town-hall meeting there was some mis-information put out about the cost of dredging and Jeff wants to help with whatever he can.

**B. Anthony O'Brien – 1. Private Docks** – Anthony said that in the Fall of 2017, he, Shawn,

and Frank Durkin took the RCD boat out and did an inventory on all of the private docks, taking pictures of ones that were in disrepair and identifying them. In the spring, Becky sent certified letters to the owners that stated that they had until May 1<sup>st</sup> to repair or straighten their docks. Bill and Shawn went out last week and did another check on the private docks. Of the nine owners that were contacted last year, there are four that still need to fix their docks. Anthony said that the RCD's ordinance states:

“If any of the discrepancies are not corrected, the dock will be removed at the owner's expense and a renewal approval will not be granted.”

Anthony asked whether the RCD should get involved in removing docks with the possible outcome of the property owner not paying. He knows of at least two docks that are in disrepair that would be costly to remove. Anthony asked what the board wanted the next step to be – if it is a fine, was that communicated in the first letter? Becky said that the letters that she sent last year said that they needed to repair or replace the docks by May 1 – there was no fine mentioned. There were only two people that didn't respond to the letter that she sent last year. Anthony asked if the board wants to send another certified letter or just go in and remove the dock and bill them hoping that they will pay or a lien will be put on their property.

Bill recommended that they send a certified letter that gives them 30 days to respond and 60 days to comply or the RCD will take the dock down and charge the property owner. Bill figured \$1,000 would be an accurate ball-park figure on the cost to remove each dock. If the property owner doesn't pay the RCD back for the cost to remove the dock then the RCD can put a lien on their property and when they go to sell the property, if the judge deems that the lien is justifiable, then the RCD will get their money, which may be a long time down the road. Anthony agreed that they should send another letter to give them a chance but if they don't do anything, then they are right back (*to where they are now*). Shawn said that the letter should give them 30 days to respond and 60 days to comply or the RCD will take the dock down and charge the property owner. Bill asked if they would need security to remove the dock and Anthony said that if they remove it from the water, no because the RCD owns the shoreline. Bill added that the RCD has 6 foot of easement. Bill asked who they would get to take the docks out and Shawn said that he and Jeff Winterland could take them out (from the water). Bill asked how they would dispose of it and Shawn said if it's not too much material he can use the dumpster; otherwise, they would have to pay for an extra pick up. The board agreed to send the letters first – Anthony will work with Becky to draft the letters.

**2. Fishing Club Request** – At the townhall meeting, Maureen Bronkema asked if the RCD would donate the use of the building for the kid's fishing derby, adding that the RCD has always done it in the past. She also asked if the board would donate some money for the derby. Anthony told her that because of the RCD's laws, he couldn't speak for the board but would bring it to their meeting. Anthony's recommendation is that they donate the rental of the building for the derby, especially since they have done so in the past. As far as donating money to the derby, Anthony is not in favor of that as it could open the door to other events/entities making the same request. He doesn't think that the RCD should be donating money to the event; however, he has no problem using his own per diem money. Jeff said that he'd be willing to donate his per diem toward that as well. Anthony motioned for the RCD to donate the

rental of the LCC for the kid's fishing derby to be held on September 7<sup>th</sup> and Jeff seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-19-04]

**3. Townhall Meeting Questions** – Anthony said that the remaining questions were answered in the CCWP/VLMP portion under Bill's report.

**C. Ernie Richards – 1. Wildlife Control** – Bill said that because the geese are protected by the federal migratory bird act, they have to get a permit to treat the nests. Between Ernie going out on his own and Bill & Shawn working together to treat nests, they have treated 6 nests with a total of 25 eggs so far.

**D. Jeff VanQuathem – No Report.**

## VI. Old Business

**A. Hunting at Back of Campground** – Bill said he would like to present a proposal to the board that can wait to be voted on until next month when they have a full board. Currently they allow hunting in the area north of the creek that is adjacent to the campground. There had been some space problems last year trying to accommodate all of the hunters. At last month's meeting, the board approved Ernie's proposal to require hunters to submit their applications by September 1<sup>st</sup> and have their stands in by September 15<sup>th</sup> so that the deer get acclimated to the stands by hunting season. They also approved a \$50 fee per hunter each season at last month's meeting. Bill has been talking to Shawn and Becky about extending the hunting area to include the back half of the campground. The campground had six rentals last year with a total income of \$80 so it doesn't get used enough to recoup the mowing and portapotty rental costs. Tabled until June. Shawn and Bill walked the area and looked at the area around sites 9 & 10 with the thought of adding that to the area that hunters would be allowed to use. Bill said that they could stop mowing the back area to allow it to grow up and add a chain across the road just before sites 9 & 10 to restrict access to hunters only during the deer archery hunting season, which runs from October 1 to mid-January. That would save the money on mowing and increase the number of hunters that they can accommodate. There is a sign at the campground that says that the camping season runs until November 1 so they would have to take that sign down. They would have to look at the maps to determine how many hunters they can allow to use the area safely, they'd have to put up some posts with a chain and signage to notify people when hunting is occurring, they'd have to install a mailbox on one of the posts for the hunters to sign in and out, and they would have very stringent rules prohibiting the hunters from trespassing onto adjacent private property and to do that they would need to paint or install surveyors tape to mark some trees to outline the boundaries. The rules would be strict and there would be no strike two or three – if they violate the rules once they forfeit their \$50 and lose their hunting privileges for the year, because they have to be good neighbors. They could still allow access to dog-walkers and hikers when there are no hunters in the woods (during the off-season). Bill said that if the board wanted to try a trial season and if it doesn't work then they would revert the area back to camping. Anthony asked when camping season is done and Becky said that people are usually done camping before October 1. She's only had a handful of people camp past October 1<sup>st</sup>. Anthony asked if there are a lot of hikers back there in October and Bill said that they get some hikers but he can't answer that and he doesn't know that the hikers go that far back. There is a trail that the boy scouts put in back in

around 2011/2012 that is now overgrown and washed out. Bill said that there is standing water back there and Becky said that the whole area is considered a wetland. Anthony said that there were 9 hunters in the program last year and it was hard to manage the rotating lottery due to the limited space that they had for hunting so if they can use the front area for camping and rope off the back area then we're good. Anthony said that he didn't think Ernie would have an issue with extending the area; however, since it would be a more drastic change, they should wait until next month to vote on it, when there they can get Andy and Ernie's opinion on it. Jeff also agreed to table it until next month. Tabled until June.

## VII. New Business

**A. Motion to Vote on RCD Officer Positions:** Anthony motioned to vote Bill Winebaugh as president, Andy Warcaba as vice-president, Anthony O'Brien as secretary, and Rebecca Miller as treasurer. Jeff seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-19-05]

**B. Motion to Accept Tentative FY2019-2020 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance (Order to be filed for public inspection for 30 days) –** Anthony motioned to accept the tentative FY2019-2020 budget and appropriation ordinance and order it to be filed for public inspection for 40 days. Bill seconded the motion and the board approved it unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-19-06]

**C. Motion to Approve Resolution 02-2019 Calling Public Hearing on Budget & Appropriation Ordinance (Notice of Hearing to be published in Local Newspaper one week Prior to Hearing) – (see attachment 1)** Bill motioned to approve Resolution 02-2019 calling a public hearing on the budget and appropriation ordinance to be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and to have notice of the hearing published in a local newspaper. Anthony seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-19-07]

**D. Motion to Approve Chana Excavating – Invoice R19-004 for \$1,640 – Road Rock on Road over Dam & at North Beach Launch –** Anthony motioned to approve Chana Invoice R19-004 for \$1,640 to install road rock over the dam and at the north beach launch. Bill seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-19-08]

**– Invoice R19-002 for \$1,200 – Steel Posts at LCC Dock, & Soil at Volleyball Court –** Bill motioned to approve Chana Invoice R19-002 for \$1,200 to install steel posts at the LCC dock and spread soil at the volleyball court. Anthony seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-19-09]

**E. Motion to Approve Purchase of Buoys, Floats, & Rope for Beaches for \$2,836.50 –** Anthony motioned to approve the purchase of buoys, floats, & rope for the beaches from Rolyan Buoys for \$2,836.50 and Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-19-10]

**VIII. Guest Comments – Shawn Parish –** Shawn said that they really well with the goose control this year and it's important to keep up with it. He and Jeff installed the rental docks and Shawn adjusted them. All of the RCD shorelines look in good shape, he and Bill installed new signs at the dam, Shawn replaced the roofs on the kiosks, and he has started mowing.

**IX. Motion to Adjourn –** Anthony motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. and Jeff seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-19-11]

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**ATTACHMENT 1**



**Resolution [02-2019]  
Public Hearing on Budget and Appropriation Ordinance**

**WHEREAS**, on May 16th, 2019, The Lost Nation New Landing RCD Board motions to call a public hearing on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Fiscal year starting May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020 to be held on June 20th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lake Court Center, 404 Lake Court; Dixon, IL 61021. Notice of the hearing shall be published in a local newspaper at least one week prior to hearing.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2019

/s/ Bill Winebaugh  
Bill Winebaugh

/s/ Anthony O'Brien  
Anthony O'Brien

/s/ Jeff VanQuathem  
Jeff VanQuathem