



**April 8, 2021 6:00 p.m.**

## **LNNLRCD Meeting**

- I. **Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance** - Bill called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.  
**Board Members Present** – Bill Winebaugh – President; Andy Warcaba – VP; Jeff VanQuathem – Secretary; Hal Warren – Member at Large  
**Board Members Absent** – Tyler VanKirk – Member at Large
- II. **Motion to Approve the Agenda** – Andy motioned to approve the agenda and Jeff seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [04-21-01]
- III. **Motion to Approve the 3/11/2021 Minutes** – Hal motioned to approve the 3/11/21 minutes and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [04-21-02]
- IV. **Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report** – Bill motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Jeff seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [04-21-03]
- V. **Board Member Reports**
  - A. **Bill Winebaugh**
    1. **Motion to Dredge & Install Rental Docks NTE \$2,500** – Andy motioned to hire Chana Excavating to dredge the east and west areas where the rental docks are put in NTE \$2,500 and to install the rental docks NTE \$2,500. Bill seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [04-21-04]
    2. **Motion to Add Sand to and Groom Both Beaches NTE \$2,500** – Andy motioned to hire Chana Excavating to add sand to and groom both beaches for a price NTE \$2,500 and Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [04-21-05]
    3. **North Beach – Repair Perimeter Posts** – J. Sellers informed the board that several of the North Beach's perimeter posts were in disrepair. The posts measure 6" round in diameter by 6' long and there are 47 posts there. Hal Warren will work with Shawn to get the posts. [04-21-06]
    4. **Nuisance Geese** – The RCD obtained a goose permit and Shawn, with Jeff or Tyler will handle the nests to control the population of resident geese.
  - B. **Andy Warcaba**
    1. **Motion to approve bid request language and set bid opening May 13** – Scott is working with the highway department on getting their approval for the RCD to install the pipes to pump the water up to the basin and allow the water to return through the same ditch. One property owner is in favor of the dredging but doesn't want open return water flowing through the ditch in front of his property as he already had issues with some work that the county highway dept. did so the RCD is looking at adding return water pipes in front of that owner's property to the construction plans (even though this will be an added cost to the project). Verbally, Jeremy, with the highway department, said that he would issue the highway department permit as long as they add that return pipe for the water in front of the property owner's house. Bill explained the experience that he had a friendly conversation talking to the property owner and he reiterated that the owner does not want open water running through the ditch in front of his property. Bill said that the county was out Tuesday put more dirt in the ditch and seeded it to try to satisfy the property owner. We received ½ inch of rain today and the property owner sent pictures of the ditch to Bill to show him that there was standing water in it. Another option may be to have the water return to the south of Flagg Rd if that property owner agrees to allow it to return over his property. Scott and Andy also discussed the IDNR permitting and scenarios that the IDNR is concerned with such as if there is a breach of the basin and whether it would affect the downstream neighbor or the FGFD. The IDNR doesn't expect that there would be a breach, it is just their policy to prepare for the unexpected and to ensure that there would be no loss of life or inaccessibility. If that was the case, the RCD would need a different level of permit from the IDNR. Scott said that during the dredging they can limit the height of the dredging materials so that should resolve that. Andy motioned to approve the bid request language for a bid

opening on May 13<sup>th</sup> and Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [04-21-07]

**2. Stephenitch Dock Request** – Chris Stephenitch wants to add an 8’ X 8’ floating dock to his existing floating dock. He has requested a variance for his dock to accommodate the 1-foot overage of the RCD’s 15’ width restriction. Andy motioned to approve the dock request with the variance to extend the dock by one foot in width and Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [04-21-08]

**3. Repesh Dock Request** – The board was not prepared to approve the dock without additional information.

**C. Jeff VanQuathem** – No report.

**D. Tyler VanKirk** – Absent – no report.

**E. Hal Warren – Shoreline beautification** – Bill said that he had some concerns that he wanted to express. First, he said that he would be opposed to the cash prizes for two reasons – 1. The amount; 2. He doesn’t like how it would appear to the public for the RCD to give away tax payer money for cash prizes, especially after going through a referendum to get money to dredge the lake. Bill said that there was some talk of some of the board members donating their own per diem money to buy gift certificates and he said something like that wouldn’t be a bad idea, or, if they were going to make this an ongoing program, some type of traveling trophy maybe. Bill said that Hal had made the comment that the prize would have to be big enough to make it worth their while – Bill said he was sorry, but he didn’t agree with that statement; rather, the people who are going to get excited about beautifying their property are going to do without the RCD bribing them with a large amount of money. Bill said that Hal had suggested that people who don’t have lakefront property could participate in the program by beautifying a selected RCD property. Bill talked briefly to the staff about that and there were some concerns that they had regarding liability issues and working with Shawn’s schedule so that he would be on hand when someone is doing the volunteer work – he just doesn’t think that it would work out. Bill feels that if they were going to do this, they should restrict it to private lake front property only. Hal said that he would be able to kick in on the prize and agrees with Bill that if a property owner were interested in doing something they probably don’t need a (cash) incentive – maybe they could do something like pass around a trophy like Bill was saying and when it’s all done, they could have a picnic or something. Andy said that in the past there were groups that did some beautification around the building and it didn’t seem like a hassle. Bill said that he agrees that it could use it again. Andy suggested that non-lakefront owners could do some landscaping around the building. Bill said that he guesses it would be okay on RCD property with guidance and direction; however, his concern is if someone were to get overly ambitious and tried to do something more than they were capable of doing such as removing logs from around the dam or in the water and getting hurt. Hal said he was thinking more in terms of pulling weeds. Bill agreed that something like pulling weeds around the LCC would be okay. The board talked about putting something in the Nextdoor app. and in the next newsletter. Jeff suggested that they could do something similar to the fishing derby where they honor the people that volunteer or take part in the program with a luncheon and prizes, funded by donated per diem instead of taxpayer money. Bill said sure.

**VI. Employee Reports – Becky** – This is the busy time of year for the RCD office with boat stickers, budget, and boat dock rentals. All but one of the boat dock spaces are filled. Bill asked when the office would be open again at the LCC and Becky said when Illinois enters Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois plan.

**Shawn** – Mowing season is starting. They need some extra gravel on the road over the dam. Shawn will go out in the boat soon to look at goose nests.

**VII. Old Business** – no old business.

**VIII. New Business**

**A. Motion to Pass Res. 01-2021, Prep. of Tentative FY2021-2022 Budget and Appropriation by Treasurer** – Hal motioned to direct the treasurer to prepare the tentative FY 2021-2022 budget and appropriation and Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [04-21-09]

**B. Motion to Vote on RCD Officer Positions:**

**President - Bill Winebaugh**

**Vice President - Andy Warcaba**

**Secretary – Jeff VanQuathem**

**Treasurer - Rebecca Miller**

Andy motioned to approve Bill Winebaugh as president, Andy Warcaba and VP, Jeff VanQuathem as Secretary, and Rebecca Miller as Treasurer and Jeff seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [04-21-10]

**IX. Guest Comments – Scott Brown** – Suggested yard signage recognizing people that are beautifying their property and Andy asked Scott to send the language for that. Jim Wasilewski said he was going to suggest the same thing to issue a sign to recognize people that beautify their properties.

**Norm Eakley** – Norm’s wife asked him to pass on that people that don’t belong in the community are using the lake and Bill said that the only thing they can do is contact POA security.

**X. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting** – Andy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. and Hal seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [04-21-11]

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