



**May 14, 2020 6:00 p.m.**

## **LNNLRCD Meeting**

**(Held Remotely Using Zoom)**

- I. **Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance** - Bill called the meeting together at 6:00 p.m.  
**Roll Call:** Bill Winebaugh, President – Present; Andy Warcaba, VP – Present; Anthony O'Brien, Secretary – Present; Jeff VanQuathem, member at large – Present; Tyler VanKirk, member at large - Absent
- II. **Motion to Approve the Agenda** – Anthony motioned to approve the agenda and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-20-01]
- III. **Motion to Approve the 3/12/2020 Minutes** – Bill motioned to approve the 3/1/202 minutes and Anthony seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-20-02]
- IV. **Motion to Approve the March & April Treasurer's Reports** – Bill motioned to approve the March and April 2020 treasurer's reports and Anthony seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-20-03]
- V. **Board Member Reports**
  - A. **Bill Winebaugh – Public Use of Facilities** – Bill said that the RCD's public facilities such as the campground, beaches and LCC are closed to the public until at least the end of May or until further notice per Governor Pritzker's order. They may have to have discussion toward the end of the month because of Memorial Day. He said that they'll have to make a decision at that time – it will take Jeff and Shawn a couple of days to get the beaches ready (and there are also water tests that would have to be conducted).
  - B. **Andy Warcaba – 1. Dredging/Silt Basin Update** – Andy said that despite what they are going through, they are still on schedule with next step of the dredging plan of getting the basin built. A big part of that is the silt basin and Scott Brown from Wendler told Andy that he estimated that the basin would take about 10 weeks to build. If they can approve a contract bid by this summer, then they could still get that done by the end of the year. Wendler estimated that the cost would be around \$311,000 based on some construction projects going on and they predict that there will be a lot of interest in the project because it is concentrated in one area. It'll require some heavy equipment and they should put some language in the bid request that indicates that the RCD wants it finished around that 10-week timeframe.
  - 2. Warren and Harris Dock Proposals** - Andy motioned to approve the Hal Warren dock request and Anthony seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-20-04] Andy motioned to approve the John Harris dock request and Anthony seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-20-05]
  - C. **Anthony O'Brien – 1. Survey of Dam** – Anthony motioned to approve the quote from Wendler for \$1,100 to perform an inspection on the dam that the RCD has done every 5 years. Andy seconded the motion and the board approved it unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-20-06]
  - 2. Lake Lowering Study** – Anthony said that he watched Oltmanns put the boards back in this spring and it is a pretty dangerous job. He talked to three different lake communities and none of them raise and lower their lakes seasonally. Anthony asked the board if raising and lowering the lake each year something that they want to continue doing? Bill asked if the lake communities that he contacted had requirements on their property owners' docks that they be removed in the winter or were they stationary year-round. Anthony said that he'd have to get back to Bill on that one. Bill said that he was concerned about ice damage to the stationary docks, plus, lowering the water allows dock owners to perform maintenance on their docks. Andy asked Anthony to talk to Wendler and see if they have any suggestions and Anthony said that he plans on talking to them when they come out to do the inspection on the dam. Shawn said that if they use a crane with a winch to take the boards in and out that cost is going to double or even triple so they would be looking more than \$2,500-3,000 to do it each time. Anthony asked when the RCD started raising and lowering the lake each year and Becky said after the flooding in 2009, they started doing that every year. Anthony asked what the load bearing capacity of the bridge over the dam is and whether it would support crane equipment. Shawn said that it could support the weight of it for a short time; however, it wouldn't be an issue because the bridge is not very long so the supporting legs of the equipment would extend past the bridge and the majority of the weight would not be directly on it. Anthony asked Shawn if they would still need someone in a boat to do the work of installing the boards and Shawn said, yes, they would

still have someone in a boat, with the risk that comes with that – the difference would be that they would not be moving the boards using the boat anymore, they would just be guiding them while the crane does the heavy lifting. Shawn said that if all else fails, he knows how to do it if the board wants to lower the lake again – they would just need to have Ken Oltmanns make the custom-made U-bolt brackets that would need to be installed. Bill said that when Ken removes the boards, he cuts the old u-bolts and Shawn said yes, he cuts it with either a blow-torch or a saws-all.

**D. Jeff VanQuathem – Dredging Financing** – Jeff spoke with John Vezzetti and told him that the May 16<sup>th</sup> open house was cancelled and that he should not come out until he hears from the board. Jeff will touch base with John to find out if funding will be a concern.

**E. Tyler VanKirk – Not Present**

**VI. Employee Reports – Becky** – Becky will put together the preliminary budget and then Bill and she will go over the numbers and present them to the board for approval at the next meeting. It'll be open for public review and then 30 days after that they will have a budget hearing and vote to approve the budget. Becky is working on boat stickers right now. Shawn will be performing an inventory of the boats on the racks and Becky will notify those that don't have current stickers. The 16 rented dock spaces are almost at full capacity – there are only about 2 slots left on the east side.

**Shawn – Beaver Trapping-** Shawn has sighted the beaver at the north beach and as soon as they get a trapping license from the IDNR, Shawn will proceed to capture it. Shawn would like the RCD to buy their own traps so that they don't have to call the volunteer beaver trapper out as he feels confident that he can trap it himself since he helped him last year.

**Goose Patrol** – Shawn and Bill oiled 7 eggs in 3 nests.

**VII. Old Business – Status of Scheduling Open House** – Andy said that they will have to wait on scheduling an in-person open house until the public meeting restrictions are lifted. Another option would be a virtual meeting; however, Andy is concerned that the neighborhood internet connection may not be reliable enough for that. Another option he considered was putting together a professional film and posting it for the public to view. Andy is also in the process of creating a mailing and posters to invite the district to an open house that outlines where they are and where they want to go. Becky said that in 2012, when they partnered with the EPA for upstream stabilization, they hired a professional videographer to create a video outlining the project. She will get that information to Andy. Jeff asked when they would need the \$311,000 to do the project and Andy said that if they can get bids in by July (*they could start as soon as August and completed by September or October*) so they would need approval by then and they have some homework to figure out with the timing of the bonds. Becky said that if they were going to go with the first option that required a referendum to be put on the ballot, that wouldn't even be voted on until November so that bond option wouldn't work for this year. Jeff agreed and said that he will talk more to John V. about their options before the next meeting.

**VIII. New Business**

**A. Motion to Pass Res. 01-2020, Prep. of Tentative FY2020-2021 Budget and Appropriation by Treasurer** – Bill motioned to pass resolution 01-2020 to direct the treasurer to prepare the tentative FY2020-2021 Budget & Appropriation. Jeff seconded the motion and the board approved it unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-20-07]

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

President - Bill Winebaugh	Vice President - Andy Warcaba
Secretary - Anthony O'Brien	Treasurer - Rebecca Miller

Anthony motioned to vote on the RCD officer positions as listed above and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-20-08]

**IX. Guest Comments – Carol Brown – Financing** – She said that she feels that they should have the bonds pretty well set before they let a contract. Bill thanked her for her comment.

**X. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting** – Andy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. and Anthony seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-20-09]

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