



January 14, 2021 6:00 p.m.

**LNNLRCD Meeting
(Online Zoom Meeting)**

- I. **Call to Order, Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance:** Bill called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Board Members Present: Bill Winebaugh – President; Andy Warcaba – V.P.; Jeff VanQuathem – Secretary; Tyler VanKirk – Member at Large; Hal Warren – Member at Large
- II. **Motion to Approve Agenda:** Andy motioned to approve the agenda and Hal seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-21-01]
- III. **Motion to Approve 11/12/2020 Minutes** – Bill motioned to approve the 11/12/20 minutes and Hal seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-21-02]
- IV. **Motion to Approve Treasurer’s Report** – Bill motioned to approve the treasurer’s report and Hal seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-21-03]
- V. **Board Member Reports**
 - A. **Bill Winebaugh** – No report.
 - B. **Andy Warcaba**
 1. **Discuss Proposed Dredging Plan for 2021 Including Sale of Bonds** – Andy said that John Vezzetti from Bernardi associates said it was important to try to sell the bonds before the end of February because if they wait until after February to sell them, they would miss the 2020 tax levy that would allow the bonds to be paid this calendar year. Bill said that that was explained in the paperwork that they got from Bernardi. Scott Brown from Wendler said that they wouldn’t need the money until May so they would just put the money into an interest-bearing account (such as their money-market) until they are ready to spend it. Scott confirmed that they are trying to get the sediment basin started with contractor’s bids as soon as possible. Scott said he is working with Bill and Becky to get a statement from the Franklin Grove Fire Protection District that they need to confirm with the IDNR that the silt basin, with the berms built up, is classified as a low-hazard facility. Scott said that they expect that mid-year they would draw a third of the money for construction of the basin and end of the year would be the bulk of the spending for the dredging itself. Becky said that per their statute, they have to ensure that they post a bid request 30 days prior to the bid opening. Andy asked John V. what the interest rate on the bonds would be and John said that although he won’t know until they sell the bonds, he’s estimating 2.25 – 2.5% fixed rate. Jeff asked what denominations the bonds are being sold at and whether there would be a conflict of interest for a board member to purchase some of the bonds and John said \$5,000 on the high side and \$1,000 on the low side. John said that if a board member had an interest in buying some bonds, they may want to seek advice from the RCD or Benardi legal counsel. He asked the board members to let him know in the next week if there would be an interest from a board member and he would look into whether that would be allowed. Bill asked John to schedule an appointment now with Bernardi legal to discuss that and John said sure, he’d do it now.
 2. **Olson Ecological Sol. \$3,450 Fee for Clear Creek Stabilizing Grant** – On November 9th, Bill, Andy, Becky, Shawn, Rebecca Olson (Olson Ecological), Joe Rush (JadEco), Scott Brown (Wendler), and Bill Kleiman (Nachusa Grasslands) met at the Clear Creek Flagg Rd Silt Basin area to discuss making improvements along the banks of Clear Creek at that site within the RCD’s property boundary. After the meeting they asked Rebecca to prepare a proposal, which is what the board was given to review and vote on. The \$3,450 would be for part one of the proposal. An updated total amount of the project that Andy received, which includes a cost from Wendler, is \$18,600. The project would involve partnering with Nachusa (and any other partners upstream willing to stabilize their banks) to apply for the grant. Andy said that he thinks it’s an important project as that area gets a significant amount of silt deposited there and that they remove about 800 yards from there each year. He wants to take the project in steps and that’s why they would only be approving \$3,450 for Part 1 now. Andy said that his understanding of Part 1 is that they would have a preliminary look at a concept plan that Rebecca will create,

which she would present to the board to discuss what she's determined so far. Andy also wants to ensure that the Conservancy District will be a partner. Hal asked if the \$18,000 would include any actual work or just the plans for the work and Andy said that it would include the plans for the work including the engineering, which is important, and the application for the grant. Bill asked what the engineering costs were and what they would be doing and Andy said the cost would be about \$5,400 to perform a land survey, to provide a topographic analysis, and to design a stabilization plan. Andy motioned to approve part 1 of Olson Ecological grant application proposal at a cost of \$3,450. Hal seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-21-04] Andy is going to have Rebecca come to the meeting in February to give a report after she has done some legwork at the site.

3. Discuss Option for Dock Variance – A property owner (Norm Eakley) has a dock with an attached walkway to the dock that he would like to extend to the length of his property because he feels that it would look better. Andy thinks it would look better too and because you can see his property from many different areas of the lake, it would be an enhancement to the lake. The portion that Norm wants to expand could be as long as 30 feet and may be construed as a part of the dock, which the current RCD resolution dictates that docks should be no wider than 15'. Andy asked what the RCD does when a lakefront property has certain land characteristics that would need something different to what is allowed. Becky said that there is a dock and shoreline variance available on the website and the resolution itself has language that allows for a variance. Andy said that he will review those documents. Bill said that the deck area that Eakley wants to extend may not touch the water and Becky said that deck areas that are attached to docks don't need a variance to be approved – the property owner would just need to submit detailed plans that show where the deck is at on the property with regard to the dock and the water. Bill asked about a deck that cantilevers out over the water and Becky said that because it cantilevers out over the water, it is considered a dock and needs a variance if it's over 15' in width.

4. Goose Control Update – Andy spoke with Bill about goose control and it's being taken care of.

5. Parking Barriers at North Beach – A property owner advised Andy that the poles separating the parking lot from the grass at the North Beach are in disrepair. Becky will ask Shawn to take a look at it.

C. Jeff VanQuathem – no report.

D. Tyler VanKirk – the hunting season is ending soon so Tyler will take the signs down. Tyler said that they did pretty well with the harvesting of deer (*the hunters harvested 6 deer and 1 turkey*). Tyler pulled a spring turkey tag. Becky asked Tyler to let her know the timeframe that his spring turkey tag is for so that they can put signs up during that time and, like the deer hunting, she'll need copies of the turkey tags from him and any hunters that will be hunting there as well as notification if they get a turkey. Bill said that he is working with Bill Kleiman on doing a control burn on the RCD property north of the creek so when he gets a date, we'll need to notify the hunters so they can remove their stands if they are concerned with them getting burned.

E. Hal Warren- Hal had an idea for a shoreline beautification contest where shoreline owners take a picture of their property before and after and the RCD would judge it and give out 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes that wouldn't break the bank. He thinks it would be worth it if they can get 400-500 hundred feet of shoreline looking good it would be well worth it. Bill asked Hal to put something together to bring to the board to discuss and Hal said he'll bring something for the next meeting.

VI. Employee Reports – Becky

A. End of Year Employee Tax Documents, IceMiller Questionnaire- Becky has been working on the end of year tax documents and a 9-page questionnaire from IceMiller to finalize the sale of the bonds. Bill asked if he needed to sign anything and Becky said not at this time; if there are documents that he needs to sign, she will let him know.

B. Boat Rack Stickers – Becky will be mailing out boat sticker applications and asked if the board was good with the current rate of \$10 for a 1-year or \$25 for a 3-year boat rack sticker. Bill asked why they charge for the rack stickers and Becky said it is for the maintenance and repair of the racks and that they are required by their statute to charge fees to offset the costs of upkeep of recreational property that is used such as the boat racks, campground, and the Lake Court Center. Bill said that he and Shawn noticed that some of the racks on the east side needed repair and he'll make sure that gets done in the spring.

C. Regional Metrics for Restore Illinois – This coming weekend region 1 is supposed to return from Phase 4 Tier 3 to a less restrictive Tier 2, which allows for rentals of 10 or less.

VII. New Business

A. \$1,645 Wendler Invoice for Basin Eng. – Andy motioned to approve payment to Wendler for \$1,645 for engineering work on the North Flagg Rd Silt Basin and Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-21-05]

B. Motion to Approve Corrected Tax Levy – The county clerk office notified Becky that the RCD needed to correct their tax levy from \$157,794 to \$152,393 to stay within the 5% over last year's levy amount so that a hearing is not needed. Bill motioned to approve the corrected amount and Hal seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-21-06]

VIII. Guest Comments – No Guest Comments.

IX. Motion to Adjourn - Bill motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 and Hal seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-21-07]

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