



February 11, 2021 6:00 p.m.

LNNLRCD Meeting

I. Call to Order, Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance – Bill called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members Present: Bill Winebaugh – President; Andy Warcaba – VP; Jeff VanQuathem – Secretary; Tyler VanKirk – Member at Large; Hal Warren – Member at Large

II. Motion to Approve Agenda – Hal motioned to approve the agenda and Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [02-21-01]

III. Motion to Approve 01/14/21 Minutes – Andy motioned to approve the 1/14/21 minutes and Jeff seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [02-21-02]

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. [02-21-03]

V. Board Member Reports

A. Bill Winebaugh – Bill spoke with Joe Rush regarding salt on the roads and the effect it can have on the lake and asked if he would send the RCD something in writing. Bill asked John V. to look into the legality of board members purchasing bonds and John talked to the bond attorneys who said that while there is nothing illegal about the board members purchasing bonds, perceptually it doesn't look good so it would be best if board members were not involved in the purchasing of the bonds.

B. Andy Warcaba – 1. Bonds – The bonds should be sold next week.

2. Rebecca Olson: Clear Creek Basin – Rebecca distributed handouts for her presentation on a Clear Creek Improvement Concept Plan. Two grants that she mentioned were the IL EPA's GIGO (Green Infrastructure Grant Opportunities) and the EPA's 319 grant. Site 1 is a 5-acre parcel located south of Flagg Rd across from the entrance of Lost Lake and owned by the RCD. They currently use it as a silt basin to mechanically dredge silt annually that has collected there and move it off-site once it has dewatered. There are shorelines and a gully onsite that needs stabilizing. Site 2 is a 160-acre site owned by the TNC (The Nature Conservancy) located on the corner of Carthage and Flagg Rd. they plan to meander some channelized ditches and return the area to wetland and prairie.

C. Jeff VanQuathem – Jeff said that in the past a former POA member had recommended to the RCD that they push their meeting back so people could get home from work and have dinner with their families before attending the POA meeting. The board discussed the pros and cons of keeping the meeting at 6:00 vs. pushing it back to 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Bill asked what Jeff wanted to do and Jeff said he would like to table the issue for the time being unless they get more questions from the public. Jeff said that he is open to anytime and it sounds like the board is open to having it anywhere from 6-7:00 so he suggested that they leave it at 6 unless they get more opinions.

D. Tyler VanKirk – no report

E. Hal Warren – Shoreline Beautification Contest – Hal distributed an outline of a suggested Lost Lake Shoreline Beautification Contest and that he proposed. Bill said that it looked pretty good to him; however, he is pretty hesitant about the dollar amount of the prizes. Bill read it aloud (see attached). Hal said that he'd be willing to donate his per diem to fund the contest. Hal suggested they table it.

VI. Employee Reports

A. Becky Miller – 1. Boat Rack Stickers – Becky will begin processing renewals in March.

2. Budget – next month the board will vote to request that Becky create the preliminary 2021-2022 budget, which will include a separate line item for the dredging that is funded by the referendum tax levy money. The board asked Becky to open another money market account to deposit the dredging funds into to keep them separate from the rest of the RCD's budgeted money.

VII. Old Business – no old business.

VIII. New Business – no new business.

IX. Guest Comments – Jim Wasilewski – Jim asked how soon will they start performing physical work on the dredging. Bill said that they could start on digging the silt basin in May at the earliest.

X. Motion to Adjourn – Hal motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. at Andy seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [02-21-04]

02/22/2021 Motion List

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Attachment 1

Lost Lake shoreline beautification contest 2021.

Limited to lakeshore property owners, and other residents living within the Lost Lake community.

RCD board members are welcome to participate, but not eligible for prizes.

Scope and vision:

The purpose of the contest is to clean up and beautify those areas of the lake that are visible both from the water, and from public viewing areas on land, as long as the water's edge is visible.

Examples of improvements include, but are not limited to; Cleaning up debris, dead trees, branches and weeds, (live weeds included).

Planting and maintaining appropriate vegetation and landscaping in privately owned areas.

Removing fallen trees and branches from the lake that might create a hazard.

Rules:

Submit at least 2-3 photos of the area being improved, ideally a view from on the water. Send along with a simple application listing your name, address, and contact phone number by June 1st.

(For contestants without a way to take photographs from the water, contact the RCD, one of the board members will be happy to take pictures of the area for your entry)

Any RCD property targeted for beautification must have the same application, but include a detailed plan of what you intend to do, and the project will need to be approved by the board at their regular May meeting, prior to undertaking any work.

As a reminder, any dock work, or shore stabilization needs prior approval as well.

Beautification projects will need to be finished and submission of the new photographs received by August 30 for the board to be able to judge the before and after appearance at their regular August meeting.

Winners will be notified after the August meeting, and prizes awarded by September.

Winners will be recognized in the next RCD newsletter published.

Awards:

\$300 First prize award

\$150 Second place award.

2-\$100 honorable mention awards, assuming there are enough entries.