



**December 9, 2021 6:00 p.m.**

## **LNNLRCD Meeting**

- I. **Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance** – Bill called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
**Board Members Present** – Bill Winebaugh - President; Hal Warren - VP; Jeff VanQuathem - Secretary  
Tyler VanKirk – Member at Large
- II. **Motion to Approve Agenda Motion to Approve Agenda** - Hal motioned to approve the agenda and Jeff seconded the motion. [12-21-01]
- III. **Motion to Approve 6/17/21 Exec. 9/9/21 Exec. and 11/11/21 Minutes** - Bill motioned to approve the 6/17/21 exec., 9/9/21 exec., and 11/11/21 minutes and Hal seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [12-21-02]
- IV. **Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report:** Hal motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report and Tyler seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [12-21-03]
- V. **Board Member Reports**
  - A. **Bill Winebaugh – Boards on the Dam** – The lake will not be lowered this year due to circumstances beyond their control. The contractor was not able to get the RCD's boat motor working to pull the boards.  
**Lake Survey** – When Joe Rush came out, there was skim ice on the lake and he said he will not shock the lake at that temperature - it is tentatively scheduled for this spring. The survey helps to guide Bill in ordering the fish to be stocked. Tyler asked what the size of the Muskie were that they stocked this year and Bill said that they were 12". Bill added that while the small mouth bass and walleye were stocked using the tube, they had to use nets and buckets to put the muskie in the lake because if you attempt to stock them using the tubes, their backs could break due to their size. **Silt Basin & Dredging** – the work on the silt basin is 99% done. The erosion blanket is on and Bill is performing weekly erosion checks. Good news - the capacity of the silt basin was originally supposed to be around 75,000 cubic yards; however, they were able to get about 4% more capacity so it'll hold about 78,000 cubic yards. Bill had a zoom meeting with Scott Brown and Joe Rush and Scott said that things are moving along pretty well right now - they are waiting for final agreement from Nachusa regarding the temporary access road that the IDNR requires before they can go out to bid. On the advice of Scott and Joe, they are going to wait until they have all the permits from the Army Corps, EPA, and IDNR before going out to bid. Joe is starting to reach out to different contractors now to see what their availability is. Bill's initial goal was to have the work done in the spring but it may not start that soon. Hal asked if they could go out to bid now and wait until the permitting comes in and Bill said that the bids have to be out for 30 days and Joe also feels that the longer they put the time out for the contractors to do the job, the better bids the RCD may get. Their goal is to try to get the bid package out after the first of the year. When the dredging does occur, the dredging will be about a 2 to 3-month operation. Bill said he believes in open communication and will try to address any concerns that property owners may have such as potential noise of the pump barge (they will only run during the day), and whether people who have rented docks may not be able to access their boat for a day or two. Hal asked about the piping and Bill said that 99% of the piping is done except for the drain pipes. They are going to wait until they find out who gets the bid and see how they actually want to do it. Bill explained how the water would drain from each basin and eventually drain back into the lake through gravity. They will test the water that is returning to the lake to ensure that it meets EPA standards for return water. The highway department will require construction fencing since there will be open water in the ditches.
  - B. **Hal Warren – no report**
  - C. **Jeff VanQuathem – Office Manager** – Jeff met with Scot Johnson, Beth Caudill, Edith Canales-Kobbeman, and Becky on December 6<sup>th</sup> and Edith expressed an interest in becoming the office manager of the RCD. The next step is to meet with their lawyers to create a contract, potentially with a 90 or 180-day review. The POA was also in favor of moving the POA office to the LCC. Bill is going to ask Becky to create a hand-off book that has the calendar, usernames & passwords, and contacts of the RCD.

**D. Tyler VanKirk** – Tyler knows of only one deer, a doe, that a hunter harvested on RCD property this year. He'll give Becky the final counts at the end of the season.

**VI. Employee Reports** – no reports.

**VII. New Business**

**A. Motion to pay Fischer \$70,698.51 for Silt Basin Construction (2<sup>nd</sup> payout)** – Hal asked if they were holding some of the money back and Bill said that this is the second payout for the construction and there has been some held back and they will discuss grass seeding and a payout once that's done. Hal motioned to pay Fischer Excavating \$70,698.51 for a second payout on silt basin construction and Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [12-21-04]

**B. Motion to pay Wendler \$1,640 for Basin Construction Staking & Administration** - Bill motioned to pay Wendler \$1,640 for basin staking and administration and Tyler seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [12-21-05]

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

**IX. Guest Comments** – Bill said that if anyone knows a good candidate – they need another board member.

**X. Motion to Adjourn** – Jeff motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. and Hal seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [12-21-06]

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