



Lost Lake RCD Board Meeting

Thursday, December 14, 2023 - 6:00pm

I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance - Bill called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Board Members Present: Bill Winebaugh, President; Hal Warren, Vice President;
Jeff VanQuatham, Treasurer/Secretary; Norm Eakley, Member at Large

Board Members Absent: Tyler VanKirk, Member at Large

II. Motion to Approve the Agenda - Jeff motioned to approve the Agenda and Norm seconded the motion. The Agenda was approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [12-14-23-01]

III. Motion to Approve the 11/9/2023 Meeting Minutes - Hal motioned to approve the 11/9/2023 Minutes and Jeff seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [12-14-23-02]

IV. Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report - Bill motioned to approve the Treasurer's report and Norm seconded the motion. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [12-14-23-03]

V. Board Member Reports

a. Bill Winebaugh

- **Beaver Damage:** Beaver damage has been found just beyond the dam on the north side of the creek. Bill has contacted Jeff Cox, our trapper, to assess the damage. Additional beaver damage was found near the hunting area on Nachusa property. Bill has talked with Bill Klineman, and he is only concerned with the oak trees. Klineman will address the issues on his property.

b. Hal Warren

- **Mechanical Dredge:** The lake is muddier due to the dredging, and Hal is wondering if this will deposit silt in other places in the lake or if it will subside. Bill feels that it will settle eventually.
- **Clear Creek Dredge:** Hal will reach out to the contractor to move forward with this dredge.

c. Jeff VanQuatham - nothing to report

d. Tyler VanKirk - absent

e. Norm Eakley - nothing to report

VI. Employee Reports

- **Beth** - The office will be closed 12/25-12/29/2023 for the Holidays. In addition, the office will be closed 1/8-1/12/2024 for Beth's vacation. All of the January meeting materials will be prepared and distributed prior to vacation. Curtains have been purchased for LCC windows to replace the blinds and will be installed after the Holiday decorations come down.
- **Shawn** - All is well. The Board thanked Shawn for cleaning up the weeds.

VII. Old Business

- a. Mechanical Dredge** - Superior Seawalls should be finished with our portion of the dredging by the end of next week. There are buoys off Park Dr that are marking 2 large rocks. The Board discussed the option to dredge near Park Drive and near the LCC shoreline. Existing funds were taken into consideration, and needed projects were discussed including the parking lot and the LCC dock. Superior Seawalls will complete additional dredging for us at the current rate of \$28 per cubic yard.

The private dredge option has been announced to the Community for homeowners to contact Superior Seawalls directly. Norm knows of 3 homeowners interested so far.

Hal motioned for Superior Seawalls to complete additional dredging near Park Drive and the LCC shoreline in the amount of up to \$100,000 and Norm seconded the motion. The additional dredging was approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [12-14-23-04]

- b. Rates for Dock & Rack Rentals** - We currently charge \$300 per slip per year, and we have 16 slips (8 docks) that are approximately 6 years old. The replacement cost is \$1,400 per dock from Menards. The Board discussed costs to be sure we are at least breaking even. Our current charge of \$300 per slip covers costs, but the Board is in favor of an increase to allow additional funds to be available for other lake improvements. The Board would like Beth to research what other locations in Illinois charge for boat slip rentals. The new rate for dock rentals was tabled for further research and discussion.

Boat Rack rentals are currently \$10 per year or \$25 for 3 years. The racks need cleanup and repairs, which can be completed by having a boat roundup requiring all boats to be removed temporarily. The Board is in favor of increasing the current minimal rental cost to \$25 per year or \$60 for 3 years. Hal motioned to increase the boat rack rental rates to \$25 per year or \$60 for 3 years effective in 2024 and Bill seconded the motion. The 2024 boat rack rental rates were approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [12-14-23-05]

- c. Insurance Claim for Hail Damage** - An insurance claim is pending due to the hailstorm in April. An adjuster met with Bill to look at the building for damage. The roof is in good shape, but cosmetic damage exists to the gutters, downspouts, and fascia. The insurance company is willing to issue \$2,808.57 up front for replacement costs, then the remainder up to a total of \$6,612.07 once repairs are complete. Matt from Flow Right Gutters has provided a quote to replace gutters with 6" bronze gutters with downspouts at \$2,655 and 6" leaf guards at \$1,100, totaling \$3,755. Jeff will contact the insurance company to confirm the payout amounts and to confirm whether our rates will increase if we move forward with this claim. The claim will remain pending until these questions are confirmed.

VIII. New Business

- a. Discuss Lake Court Center Open Community Times** - The Board discussed the possibility of opening Lake Court Center to the Community for social purposes during regular business hours. After discussing some history and reviewing the pros and cons, the majority of the Board is in favor of a trial period with an optional donation requested. Jeff motioned to approve a trial period of opening Lake Court Center to the Community for social purposes during regular business hours and Hal seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority roll-call vote: 3 Yays, 1 Nay. [12-14-23-06]

IX. Guest Comments - a member provided a suggestion regarding opening LCC to the community.

X. Motion to Adjourn - Hal motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm and Norm seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [12-14-23-07]

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