



Lost Lake RCD Board Meeting

Thursday, August 8, 2024 - 6:00pm

Board Members Present: Norm Eakley, President; Hal Warren, Vice President;
Jeff VanQuatham, Treasurer/Secretary; Bill Winebaugh; Tyler Vankirk

Board Members Absent: None

Guests: Joe Rush, JadEco (lake biologist)

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

II. Approval of the Agenda - Hal motioned to approve the Agenda and Norm seconded the motion. The Agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote. [08-08-24-01]

III. Approval of the 7/11/2024 Meeting Minutes - Tyler motioned to approve the 7/11/2024 Minutes and Jeff seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote. [08-08-24-02]

IV. Approval of the Treasurer's Report - Tyler motioned to approve the July 2024 Treasurer's report and Hal seconded the motion. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-08-24-03]

V. Board Member Reports

a. Norm Eakley

- **Ordinance Review** - Our Ordinance needs to be updated. Beth will send it to the Board to review for further discussion at the next meeting.
- **Shoreline Cleaning** - Boat docks have been overgrown with weeds. Norm recommends that we allow an additional 1 hour per week for Shawn to stay on top of weed control. The Board agrees.
- **Burn Pile** - The multiple piles at the new silt basins have been taken care of.
- **Playground Mulch** - LCC playground mulch has been completed.
- **Dredge Complaint** - A member feels that his personal dock was impacted negatively by the dredge. The Board briefly discussed the complaint. Hal will follow up with this individual.
- **Rental Docks** - The west side rental dock area waters may not be deep enough to add another rental dock to the south of the current docks, as requested by several community members. The depth measures approximately 1.5 feet deep. The Board will revisit this topic in the Spring.

b. Hal Warren

- **LCC Dock** – See Old Business, b.

c. Jeff VanQuathem - nothing to report

d. Bill Winebaugh - nothing to report

e. Tyler VanKirk - Our Hunting Program will begin soon, and signs will need to be posted.

VI. Employee Reports

• Beth Caudill, Office Manager

- The Budget and Tax Levy have both been filed with Ogle County.
- Boat Roundup: working on obtaining title search results; letters have been sent to known owners.
- Boat Racks should be checked again for current stickers. Shawn reports that this has been completed, and all boats on the racks are compliant.
- Hunting Program: emails went out to all former hunters and to a couple of newly interested community members with information about the program & an application to complete. The updated application was also posted on our website.

- Modem & Printer Issues: Our internet does not stay connected, and Brightspeed said that we need a new modem because ours is very old. It is difficult to find a DSL modem since they are outdated, but one was ordered and installed. It didn't work, so an IT person was called in who also could not get the modem to work. We will limp along with our old modem until we can get fiber internet. The printer stopped working due to a printhead issue. A new desktop laser printer will be ordered.
- Air Conditioner Issues: A strong antifreeze smell was detected from the outside air conditioning unit which prompted a call to Always Mechanical. The outside unit and the filter was nearly plugged due to lack of maintenance. They cleaned it, and we purchased new filters that need to be changed every 3 months. Beth will let Shawn know when filters need to be changed.
- Lobby Restroom: Can we reopen the restroom after business hours to help our construction workers and families who use our playground? The board agrees to open it on a one-month trial basis to see how it goes. If issues arise, it may be closed again.
- Red Cross Blood Drive: Successful drive with 31 units donated = 93 lives saved. Red Cross staff and the attendees were very happy with the set-up and results. The next drive is scheduled for December 17th from 9am-2pm.
- Community Open House: 8/25 from 2pm-4pm. We need to determine how many board members will attend to determine whether we need to post an Agenda. Hal, Jeff, & Bill will attend which is a quorum of the Board. An Agenda will need to be posted.
- **Shawn Parish, Grounds & Maintenance**
 - Nothing to report

VII. Old Business

a. Lake Court Center Parking Lot: Work started today. The board briefly discussed the plans.

b. Lake Court Center Dock/Platform: A quote was received from Superior Seawalls for a composite dock at \$25,000. The quote will be sent to the Board for review and further discussion.

c. Watershed Partnership: Joe Rush presented information to the Board on how to reinstate our watershed partnership.

- Look at previous budgets to see what type of funding was used. Look into grant options to cover startup costs as well as project costs. Rebecca Olson, grant writer, may be able to help us locate and write needed grants.
- Look at our previous watershed plan for evaluation to see what needs to be updated and determine how to proceed.
- Pull former watershed partnership list and complete a mailing to those partners we wish to include in watershed projects.
- The water quality monitoring program can be started up by replicating the prior program. Joe is willing to train us on how to complete the needed tests. The EPA can provide standards.
- Hold a quarterly partnership meeting, based on goals
- Fish needs: continue carp removal each year. Current needs based on the recent survey is 900 walleye (no more than 10/acre)

e. LCC Exterior Wall Repairs: The repairs have been completed by Shawn. The only item remaining is to paint the exterior trim white.

VIII. New Business

a. Propane: Approve Payment to Thompson Gas: The locked price contract agreement with Thompson Gas for 2024-2025 includes 900 gallons at \$1.399 per gallon totaling \$1,259.10. This is the same price as last year. Tyler motioned to approve the \$1,259.10 contract payment to Thompson Gas and Hal seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-08-24-04]

b. Boat Rental Dock Ramps: 32" x 4' ramps with slide clips to lock to the existing docks totals approximately \$800. Norm will build them, and the Fishing Club may help install them. They will be numbered and stored with the existing docks when they are pulled for the winter.

IX. Guest Comments: Great job! Keep it up! Campground boat storage will be available this year. Low-hanging branches have been cleared.

X. Motion to Adjourn: Tyler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm and Jeff seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-08-24-05]

Next Board Meeting: September 12, 2024

August 8, 2024 Motion List

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