



Lost Lake RCD Board Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2025 - 6:00pm

Board Members Present: Norm Eakley, President; Hal Warren, Vice President; Bill Winebaugh; Tim Spelde

Board Members Absent: None

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: Tim motioned to approve the Agenda and Norm seconded the motion. The Agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote. [01-09-25-01]

III. Approval of the 12/12/2024 Meeting Minutes: Hal motioned to approve the 12/12/2024 Minutes and Bill seconded the motion. One abstain. The Minutes were approved by voice vote. [01-09-25-02]

IV. Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Tim motioned to approve the December 2024 Treasurer's report and Hal seconded the motion. Tim reviewed the financials with the Board. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-09-25-03]

V. Board Member Reports

a. **Norm Eakley:** nothing to report.

b. **Hal Warren:** nothing to report.

c. **Tim Spelde:**

- **Fish Survey:** overall lake health looks good, we need to continue carp reduction and fish stocking, plants and structures. We need to ensure contractual language for our electroshocking survey that includes a deadline for reporting and invoicing.
- **Basketball Hoops:** this will be a Spring project.
- **Hunting Program:** one more deer harvested, totaling 3 for this year.
- **Campground Trails:** volunteers are willing to clean up campground trails after hunting season.

d. **Bill Winebaugh:**

- Flag at LCC needs to be replaced.

VI. Employee Reports

• **Beth Caudill, Office Manager**

- Red Cross Blood Drive: Dec. 17th blood drive resulted in 25 units donated = 75 lives saved. Next Blood Drive will be Friday, May 30th from 1-6pm.
- Board Book: The work on compiling our board book into one cohesive document is now complete, and books were distributed. Notify Beth if revisions or additions are needed.

• **Shawn Parish, Grounds & Maintenance:** absent

VII. Old Business

a. **Lake Court Center Dock/Platform:** Norm motioned to discuss this topic and Hal seconded the motion. No movement on this item yet, and a brief discussion was held regarding options.

b. **Watershed Partnership:** Tim motioned to discuss this topic and Norm seconded the motion. The previous Summary plan is now available and was sent to the Board for review. A brief discussion was held. Beth will follow up with Rebecca & Joe to plan the next meeting to determine the next steps.

VIII. New Business

a. **Approve Payment to JadEco for 2023-2024 Fish Surveys:** Hal motioned to approve JadEco's 2023-2024 Fish Survey payments and Tim seconded the motion. The 2023 invoice for the fish shocking totalled \$2,000.00. The 2024 invoice included \$2,000.00 for the fish survey and \$821.84 for watershed

planning discussions (8/8/24 board meeting and 10/29/24 planning meeting). Since the 2 invoices were just received, we will be over budget in this category. We need to ensure prompt receipt of these invoices for future surveys by including contractual language for our electroshocking surveys that includes a deadline for reporting and invoicing. The Board feels that these surveys should be completed every other year, instead of every year. The motion was approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-09-25-04]

- b. Christmas Trees for Fish Structures:** Norm motioned to discuss this topic and Hal seconded the motion. After discussion with our lake biologist, it was determined that pine trees are not good for fish structures since they break away quickly. We will not be moving forward with this.
- c. POA Office Options:** Norm motioned to discuss this topic and Hal seconded the motion. The POA is looking at the option of moving their office to Lake Court Center. A single wall and access door would be installed between the library and the current office at the POA's expense. The existing exterior door would be used as the POA office entrance. The POA would like to trade services for office rent, including the possibility of the RCD's association dues, RCD snow plowing, and a portion of RCD road repairs. Once an agreement is drawn up by the POA attorney, we can request that our attorney review the agreement before it is approved. The Board is in agreement to work with the POA to accommodate the office move.

IX. Guest Comments: none

X. Motion to recess the meeting to Executive Session: Employee Matters – 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1): Tim motioned to recess the meeting to Executive Session and Bill seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. [01-09-25-05]

XI. Reconvene Meeting: Bill motioned to reconvene the meeting and Hal seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. [01-09-25-06]

XII. Motions produced from Executive Session: Bill motioned to approve the items discussed in the Executive Session regarding employee matters and Norm seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-09-25-07]

XIII. Motion to Adjourn: Hal motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm and Norm seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-09-25-08]

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