



# Lost Lake RCD Board Meeting

Thursday, February 13, 2025 6:00pm

Lake Court Center

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

**Board Members Absent:** Tim Spelde

**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. [02-13-25-01]

### III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. **Approval of the January 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes:** Bill motioned to approve the January 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes and Norm seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote. [02-13-25-02]
- b. **Approval of the January 9, 2025 Executive Session Minutes:** Hal motioned to approve the January 9, 2025 Executive Session Minutes and Bill seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote. [02-13-25-03]

**IV. Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Norm motioned to approve the January 2025 Treasurer's report and Hal seconded the motion. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [02-13-25-04]

### V. Board Member Reports

#### a. Norm Eakley

- **Snow Plowing:** Our current snow plowing contract is for greater than 2" of snow, but the board agrees that this should be changed to 1" or greater of snow. We also need all sidewalks and the handicap parking area at LCC to be shoveled with any snow. The Board would like Beth to follow up with our contract holder to express our desired modifications.
- **Pennies for Parks:** Pennies for Parks is looking at the possibility of pickle ball courts and may wish to utilize RCD properties at the east side exercise park. Nothing has been determined yet.

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

c. **Tim Spelde:** absent

#### d. Bill Winebaugh:

- **Nachusa Controlled Burn:** Bill Klineman wishes to complete a controlled burn north of the creek, similar to prior years. Paperwork to grant permission will be forwarded to Hal for signatures.

### VI. Employee Reports

#### • Beth Caudill, Office Manager

- **Vacant Board Position:** will continue follow up with county on status of Dave Babics' application.
- **Vacation:** Feb.24 – Feb.28th.
- **Budget:** preparation of 2025-2026 budget will begin soon.
- **File Retention:** met with IL Records Archivist to determine our needed document retention process. A records inventory for both paper and digital files will need to be completed, based on the 50+ categories that the state provides. A records disposal request will then need to be filed and approved each year. Since we have 180 days to complete this lengthy process, additional office hours may need to be approved.

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

### VII. Old Business

- a. **Lake Court Center Dock/Platform:** Hal motioned to discuss this topic and Norm seconded the motion. We will be removing the top, fixing the frame, and placing new boards on the existing dock.
- b. **Watershed Partnership:** Norm motioned to discuss this topic and Hal seconded the motion. No further movement at this time. The Board continues to review the previous watershed plan.
- c. **POA Office Changes:** Norm motioned to discuss this topic and Hal seconded the motion. The POA would like office space at Lake Court Center, and we will need to draw up a Rental Agreement. Preliminary planning includes a wall being placed between our office and the library with an inside access door. The POA would be required to pay for construction with RCD board approved design plans. The agreement could be an auto-renewal each year, unless to terminate or revise with a 90 day notice. The options to pay the \$350 per month rent include the possibility of trading services. The POA would be responsible for any needed building modifications should they choose to leave the new space. The Board would like Beth to reach out to our attorney to begin drawing up a Rental Agreement.

### VIII. New Business

- a. **Creel Limits for 2025:** Hal motioned to discuss this topic and Norm seconded the motion. The Board reviewed and discussed the current creel limits including the recommendations from our lake biologist. For 2025, white bass will be revised from catch & release to 3 under 14 inches, and perch will be revised from catch & release to 6 at a minimum 10 inches. All other limits will stay the same. The 2025 Creel Limits were approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [02-13-25-05]
- b. **Fishing Structure:** Hal motioned to discuss this topic and Norm seconded the motion. The Fishing Club would like to build 3 fish cribs from pallets to place in the lake at 9-foot depths. Dave Babics presented the plans, and the Board agrees as long as no Christmas trees are used due to the quick decaying nature of these trees. Norm motioned to approve the modified fishing structures and Bill seconded the motion. The modified fishing structures were approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [02-13-25-06]
- c. **Boat Ramp Docks Repair/Replacement:** Norm motioned to discuss this topic and Hal seconded the motion. The east and west side boat ramp loading docks are in bad shape. We need to plan for repairs in our FY2025-2026 budget.
- d. **Possible Addition of West Rental Docks:** Hal motioned to discuss this topic and Norm seconded the motion. Due to the demand of rental docks on the west side, the Board discussed the possibility of adding docks. The water depth and possible high-water flows are concerns. We could look into having the area dredged next time the silt basin is dredged. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.
- e. **Tree Removal at West Beach:** The vendor chosen to remove the tree has not completed the work as promised. On 9/30/24, the tree was to be removed within 2-3 weeks. On 11/5/24, the vendor promised to remove the tree on 11/18 or 11/20 depending on weather. The next date promised was 12/4/24, but the tree was not removed. Voice messages have been left for the vendor on 12/13/24 and 1/13/25 with no return calls. The Board would like to move forward with obtaining quotes from different vendors. Quotes will be presented at the next meeting.
- f. **Sandbox at LCC Park:** Norm motioned to discuss this item and Hal seconded the motion. Shawn has mentioned concern about the sandbox being toxic for kids and feels it should be removed. The Board discussed the concerns and felt the sandbox will remain at this time.
- g. **LCC Annual Carpet Cleaning:** Hal motioned to discuss and approve carpet cleaning at LCC and Norm seconded the motion. Quality Cleaning provided a quote that honors the same price as last year at \$1,096.70. The motion was approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [02-13-25-07]
- h. **Closed Executive Session Minutes Review:** Bill motioned to discuss this item and Norm seconded the motion. Norm reviewed all closed minutes and recommended to keep them closed at this time. Hal motioned to keep the closed minutes closed and Bill seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [02-13-25-08]
- i. **Board Handbook Review:** Norm motioned to discuss this item and Hal seconded the motion. Norm noticed a needed revision in our Ordinance, and the Board continues to review the Handbook. Once all possible Ordinance revisions are submitted, we will vote on the changes.

**IX. Guest Comments:** Thank you to the Board.

**XIII. Motion to Adjourn:** Bill motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm and Hal seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [02-13-25-09]

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