

LNNLRCD Meeting Date: July 7, 2005 Time: 7:00PM

I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Joe called the meeting to order at 7:04.

Board Member Joe Olliges - President Present: Bill Piper - Treasurer

Jerry Sellers - Vice President
Dan Dummett - Member at Large

Absent: Herb Hill - Secretary

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda: Dan Motioned to approve the agenda. Jerry seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-05-01]

- **IV. Approval of Minutes:** Jerry motioned to approve the June 2nd minutes with the changing of the heading date from May 5th to June 2nd. Dan seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-05-02]
- V. Treasurer's Report: Bill read off the balance sheet; he had some questions regarding the retained earnings and net income listed on the front, which Becky answered. Bill would like the loan amount to be displayed on the report and he wants the balance sheet to be altered a bit to make it easier to understand. Jerry would like to know where the figures come from for the Fixed Assets of Equipment and Land. Becky said that Tina O'Malley would probably know where the figures were derived from and that the only adjustments to the figures that were made since Becky has been keeping the record is the deletion of the hydraulic dredge from the Equipment Assets and the addition of the 23 Acres and Lots 12 & 13 to the Land Assets. Joe asked what was left on the payout to Superior and Becky said that Herb instructed her to pay out \$500 of the remaining amount of approximately \$2500. Bill said that there is about \$2000 left to pay on that. Dan asked if the payout to Wendler of \$1,295 was the total payout on that and Becky said yes. Joe asked Becky to ensure that for future billing, she call the person who is in charge of that particular item to let them know that it was received and to get approval to pay it. Dan motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Joe seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. [07-05-03]

VI. Board Member Reports

A. Joe Olliges – ATV's in the Campground – There have been some complaints from campers that people are riding ATV's through the campground when the gate is unlocked. Since Chapter XIII, Section C of the RCD ordinance already prohibits motorized recreational vehicles on RCD property, Joe recommended that they post signage that states that ATV's are prohibited. Jerry motioned to post a sign prohibiting ATV's in the campground. Dan Dummett seconded the motion. Dan Nicolini suggested adding no motorized dirt bikes as well. Jerry modified the motion to add motorized dirt bikes. Dan Dummett seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-05-04]

B. Bill Piper -

1. Tax Levy –Bill went over the proposed 2006 tax levy figures, totaling \$213,675 for the board to consider (see attachment 1). Jerry asked what the board needs to do with the Tax Levy. Becky explained that the board needs to review the numbers that Bill has presented, make any adjustments, and vote to approve the adjusted levy. Then, a Tax Levy Hearing needs to be scheduled at least 30 days after today's approval. Once the date has been scheduled, then the board needs to motion to approve the date of the tax levy and then they need to post the Tax Levy Hearing date in the local paper at least 10 days in advance of the meeting. At that time, Becky will also have the Tax Levy and the Annual Treasurer's report

published. The proof of publication on the tax levy, and tax levy hearing date need to be turned in to the county before December 31, 2005 in order for the RCD to get tax monies next year. The RCD presents such a large number for the tax levy to the county to ensure that they get the full 75 cents per 100 dollars of valued property. Reading off of the Tax Computation report, Jerry said that the RCD district has \$17,406,736 worth of assessed property values. The amount of money that the RCD will get is based on the Joe recommended changing the Professional Fees: Other from \$2,000 to \$10,000 to cover the costs of the utility study that they approved last month. Bill motioned to approve the FY2006 tax levy for \$221,675. Jerry seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-05-05]

Joe motioned to hold the tax levy hearing on Tuesday, August 16, 2005 at 7:00PM. Bill seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-05-06]

- **2. LCC Report –** According to (70 ILCS 2105/11), Section 2 of the statute that the RCD operates under, if the RCD chooses to own and operate a building such as the Lake Court Center, "it shall establish for the revenue producing facilities, rates and charges which will at least defray all fixed, maintenance, and operating expenses." Bill presented a report on the Lake Court Center's normal operating expenses, based on 2004 figures. (See attachment 2) He added that according to the figures presented in his report, the Lake Court Center is operating approx. \$8,500 in the red. He thinks that there needs to be further research on this. The board agreed.
- **C. Herb Hill Campground –** In the past the RCD had a \$25 returnable deposit for campers to pay that hasn't been enforced in the last few years that Becky has been issuing the campground passes. Due to an incident that occurred last month involving a mess left by campers, Herb would like to propose reinforcing the policy. Herb had also talked with Becky about assigning sites to the campers and installing wooden posts with clips and protective pouches attached for the campers to insert their pass. Dan agreed that it was pretty standard procedure to assign sites and have a post to attach a permit to. Joe said that since this is a rule that they have had, that the refundable \$25 deposit should be adhered to, along with assigning sites. Becky wrote up a new campground pass, reinserting the verbiage pertaining to the \$25 deposit and the assigning of sites. As far as upgrading the campsites, Joe said that it is Herb's function and he needs to do that when he gets back. Jerry suggested that they table it until Herb gives a presentation.

D. Jerry Sellers -

- **1. Babbling Brook Silt Basin -** Jerry has an appointment on 7/18/2005 to meet with Fehr Graham about engineering plans for a silt basin on Babbling Brook.
 - 2. Beavers there have been no recent sightings of beaver activity
- **3. Boat Ramp at Park Drive Park** Jerry said that the board would like to express their appreciation to the LNPOA for installing a boat ramp on the west side. He added that it was very well done and he particularly expressed his appreciation to John Mulholland, who was the project manager.
- **4. Golf Cart** Joe said that the RCD contacted Ron Palumbo w/ the IDNR about the golf cart and he will be issuing a citation to John Kaminski for his golf cart that is in the lake. Because of the size of the lake, it is not a pressing issue, however, it is a rule that it should come out of there and it is John Kaminski's responsibility to get it out. Bill said that there is a guy he talked to with a sonar device that is pretty confident that he can find it; Joe suggested that Bill could give this guy's name to Kaminski.

E. Dan Dummett - No Report

VIII. Employee Reports – Becky – Campground Yard Hydrant Repair – The Schmitt Plumbing bill for the campground yard hydrant repair exceeded \$500 so payment of the bill has to be approved by the board. Joe motioned to approve the Schmitt Plumbing bill of \$660.35 for the repair of the yard hydrant at the campground. Jerry seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-05-07]

IX. Old Business

A. LMC Update – Frank Durkin did a presentation on behalf of the LMC. He showed a map view of Lee County and Ogle County, and indicated where the 10,000 acre watershed of the LNNLRCD is represented. Clear Creek and Babbling Brook are the two major contributors of silt coming into the lake. The Nature

Conservancy District, aka, Nachusa Grasslands, recently acquired the land off of Clear Creek that abuts the Flagg Road Silt Basin, with future plans to expand. This is good news because the absorption rate of the land that Nachusa is going to convert into grasslands vs. that of tilled farmland is 10-1. In 5-8 years, the Lost Lake will be surrounded by the Nature Conservancy District's lands. There is currently open dialogue and meetings between the RCD, the Nature Conservancy, and Dan Pierce, with the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation Office. The LMC sent a letter to Bill Kilman, project director for Nachusa Grasslands, stating the RCD's interest in acquiring 15-20 acres contiguous to their existing silt basin. Nachusa is not interested in selling the property, however, they feel that the steps that they are taking, with help from the Soil and Water Conservation office, to stabilize the creek shorelines, will benefit the RCD immensely. Frank read off a letter from the Nature Conservancy District, which outlined their future plans for their recently purchased lands, to include converting 40 acres of farmland into prairie grasslands using handpicked and machine harvested seeds from hundreds of wild grasses and flowers that are growing on the preserve. Over the last decade, the conservancy has planted about 300 acres of clear creek watershed. Bill Kilman predicts that within 3-5 years of this prairie planting, the RCD will be able to change their dredging plan from 3 years to 5 years and eventually to only every 10 years. They may try to incorporate buffalo into the area too. The Nature Conservancy is a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the plants and animals' natural community that represent the diversity of life on earth. They will aggressively manage their property to support Lost Lake's critical needs. They are asking for donations from major corporations within the given area of our county and will give the RCD the information as it relates to whatever donation that they want and can afford to give to Nachusa.

Lake Testing Program – key individuals have been chosen to volunteer with the Lake Testing Program (See attachment 3)

B. Tennis Court Improvement – Dan talked with Dennis Herbig another contractor, regarding the resurfacing of the tennis court. Although he is familiar with the green sport surface, he does not do that type of surfacing. He suggested that Dan contact the Rochelle High School, as they just had some tennis courts surfaced. Glenn Baldwin suggested that, if they are planning on spending any significant amount of money on improving the tennis court, the RCD consider changing the direction of the tennis court to North-South vs. East-West so that the courts may be enjoyed for a longer period of time each day without the sun being in the players' faces. Tabled until August meeting.

X. New Business -

- A. Baldwin Vending Machine Presentation Glenn Baldwin presented a slideshow of an automated vending machine that can handle up to 240 SKU'S at a cost of \$100,000. He would incur all costs and time associated with the vending machine, however, he would want it on RCD property so that it is easily accessible, and in exchange the RCD would get a percentage of the revenue. He is asking the board to review the material that he presents and let him know if they are interested in it so that he can pursue it further. It is 18' by 9' and is a free standing building that would be outside. It can take cash, debit cards & credit cards. Bill asked if can be outside in the wintertime and Glenn said yes, because it is temperature controlled to keep it at the proper temperature. The board said that they would want him to investigate it further before the RCD made a decision. Mr. Baldwin will be making copies of the brochure to hand out to the board members. Tabled until further investigation.
- B. Chuck Jolicoeur Boat Rack Proposal Jolicoeur not present so topic tabled.
- **C. Beaches** The Dept of Public Health inspected the North and West Beach on June 22nd and found some code violations of the beaches. These violations need to be corrected and a letter sent to the DPH indicating the measures taken by July 22nd. Both beaches need to have the nearest available phone and emergency number posted as well as the depth of the water at each of the buoy lines posted. The West Beach needs another trash can. The DPH also indicated that the North Beach needed to be cleaned up of goose droppings, which RCD employees and volunteers are already cleaning up.

XI. Guests/Public Opinion

(Limit 10 minutes per guest/group. Please hold all comments until this time).

A. Kay Chovanek – Burn-Pile- She lives on North Fork and she asked about the status of the burn-pile. Joe has an article that he put in the newsletter regarding the possible closure of the burn-pile, however, it didn't go out until after the July 7th meeting and he would rather that the community see the article before it

is discussed. Kay is concerned because it is so high and with it being so dry she is afraid that it would be uncontrollable if it were lit up.

XII. Adjourn: Dan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:05. Jerry seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-05-08]

Next Scheduled Date: August 4, 2005

July 7, 2005 Motion List

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Attachment 1

FY2005 Income

Total Receipts

 Accrued Accounts
 \$ 74,937.69

 Interest
 \$ 484.40

 Pop Machine
 \$ 1,585.00

 Rentals & Misc.
 \$ 2,780.49

 Taxes (County)
 \$ 128,443.74

208,231.32

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FY2005 Expenses			
Insurance	303	<u>'</u>	
Liability	\$	(9,207.33)	
Interest Paid	\$	(6,875.86)	
Lake & Beach Maintenance	φ	(0,075.00)	
Beach	Φ	(332.30)	
Boat and Lake Equipment	\$ \$	(127.03)	
Dam	Ψ	(127.00)	
Dredge	\$	(9,985.53)	
Fish	\$	(4,180.00)	
Lake Erosion & Siltation	·	-	
Land & Building			
Land Acquisition & Construction	\$	(22,903.42)	
Land and Building Supply	\$	(1,867.42)	
Mowing	\$	(600.00)	
Pop Machine	\$	(914.07)	
Repairs and Updates	\$ \$ \$	(63,134.12)	
Misc. Supply	\$	(1,536.72)	
License, Membership and Permits	\$	(40.00)	
Office Supply and Postage			
Postage and Delivery	\$	(397.83)	
Supplies	\$	(1,478.66)	
Per Diem	\$	(1,825.00)	
Printing and Reproduction	\$	(508.25)	
Professional Fees			
Accounting	\$	(615.00)	
Legal	\$	(2,187.50)	
Other	\$	(208.00)	
Security		-	
Travel		-	
Utilities			
Garbage	\$	(1,161.87)	
Gas and Electric	\$	(4,003.41)	
Porta Potty	\$	(1,218.83)	
Telephone	\$ \$ \$	(729.79)	
Water and Sewer		(810.20)	
Wages	\$	(19,906.84)	
Subtotal	\$	(156,754.98)	
Accrued Accounts			
Lake Preservation	\$	(51,476.34)	
TOTAL	•	(000 004 00)	
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FY2006 Tax Levy				
Insurance				
Liability & Bonding	\$	11,500.00		
Notes Payable - \$98,000	-	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		
Interest & Principle	\$	29,000.00		
Real Estate Taxes	\$	1,200.00		
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Lake & Beach Maintenance				
Beach	\$	2,000.00		
Dock, Boat and Lake Equip.	\$ \$ \$ \$	4,000.00		
Dam	\$	4,000.00		
Siltation Control & Dredging	\$	10,000.00		
Fish	\$	5,000.00		
Lake Erosion	\$	10,000.00		
Land & Building				
Supplies	\$	2,000.00		
Mowing (Contractual)	\$	1,500.00		
Pop Machine	\$	1,500.00		
Repairs and Updates	\$	5,000.00		
Rec. Center Complex Projects	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	15,000.00		
Supply & Misc.	\$	4,000.00		
License, Membership and Permits	\$	500.00		
Office Supply & Postage				
Postage and Delivery	\$	500.00		
Supplies & Lease	\$	4,200.00		
Per Diem	\$	5,000.00		
Printing and Reproduction	\$	1,000.00		
Professional Fees				
Accounting	\$	2,000.00		
Legal	\$	5,000.00		
Other	\$ \$ \$	10,000.00		
Travel	\$	1,000.00		
Utilities	•	4.750.00		
Garbage	\$	1,750.00		
Gas and Electric	\$	5,000.00		
Porta Potty	\$	1,500.00		
Telephone	\$ \$ \$ \$	750.00		
Water and Sewer	\$	1,000.00		
Wages	\$	20,000.00		
Subtotal	\$	155,700.00		
Accrued Accounts	_			
Lake Preservation	\$	56,775.00		
Total	\$	221,675.00		

Carl William Piper, Treasurer

Lake Court Center 2004 Normal Running Expenses

Income:

Total Income	φ 9 33.00	\$ 2,433.00
Pop Machine (\$1573 - \$640)	\$ 933.00	
2004 Rentals	\$ 1.500.00	

Expenses:

Gas & Electric	\$(4,119.27)
Water	\$ (700.00)
Supplies	\$ (864.08)
Wages	\$(3,119.25)
Liability Insurance	\$(1,731.00)
Workman's Comp	\$ (161.26)
Garbage	\$ (430.00)

Total Expenses \$(11,124.86)

Net Loss \$ (8,691.86)

Usage: Paid

	Rentals (28 X \$50)	28 \$ 1,400.00
	Classes (10 X \$10)	10 \$ 100.00
Unpaid		
	RCD	23
	LNPOA	15
	NLPOA	2
	Social	23
	Fishing	14
	Library	147
	Senior Focus	24
	Cards, Bunco	61
	Misc	21

- Contacted PDC Laboratory to discuss testing and prices. Our contact is Julia Rada 1-800-752-6651 1-309-692-2688
- Reviewed with Julie the tests used at Woodhaven lakes and asked for a quote for the same tests.
- Received a preliminary Quote dated June 5,2005. Total cost \$90.64. Copy attached. Revised quotation on the way.
- We should test at two locations, North and South. If results of the tests are the same, then only one sample would be needed. Tests should be done in May and August. Sample bottles are on the way to my attention. Payment is due after completion of samples. Billing address should be sent with first samples.
- Contacted Jerry Corcorn, lake manager at Woodhaven Lakes.
- His comments.

No state standards unless you are monitoring drinking water then Nitrate cannot exceed 10 mg/l.

Organic solids are an indicator of how much trash, dirt, and other suspended matter is in the water.

Chloride should not exceed 30mg/l. Levels of 50-100 are indications of sewage.

Phosphorus should not exceed .08mg/l. If so must look for Source.

• Update: Two samples have been mailed to PDC Laboratory July 6,2005.

Don Finn July 6, 2005