



LNNLRCD Mtg. – July 9, 2013; Time: 7:00PM

I. Call to order – Glenn called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Board Members Present: Glenn Baldwin – President Marty Portner – Vice President
John Harris – Secretary Tim Spelde – Member at Large

Board Members Absent - Dennis Cantrell – Member at Large

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Motion to Approve the Agenda – John motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of “Approval for Payment to Oltmanns of \$2,375 for Construction of Stairs & Platform at Dam” under Tim Spelde’s report. Marty seconded the motion and the board approved it unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-13-01]

IV. Motions to Approve the 5/14/2013 and 6/13/2013 Minutes - Marty motioned to approve the 5/14/2013 and 6/13/2013 minutes and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-13-02]

V. Motion to Approve the May and June Treasurer's Reports – Becky reported that the budgeted amount under Land and Building: Repairs & Updates: Lake Court Center was \$2,000 rather than the \$1,500 as listed in the budget and appropriation, however, the bottom line for Land and Building remains the same at \$28,350. Glenn asked what the \$800 insurance payment to State Farm was for and Becky said that it is for workman’s comp insurance. Marty motioned to approve the treasurer’s report and John seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-13-03]

VI. Director Reports

A. Glenn Baldwin – Dam Engineering- Andy Warcaba submitted a request for reimbursement for the repair of his recent shoreline improvement after it was damaged by the excessive rain that we got last month. After the rain that they had, Glenn called Dick Baumann from Wendler Engineering to ask about the specifications on the dam and the flash boards are 2’6” from the crest, the pipes are engineered to bend when the water level reaches 5’9”. That is a difference of 3’3” above the boards. Ron Mangini looked at the marks that are on the dam at around 8:00 and it measured 3’ so the pipes were not yet supposed to bend and everything worked the way it was engineered to. Glenn asked Steve to talk about how the work on the Upper Babbling Brook area will help slow down the velocity of the water coming into the lake. Steve said that the watershed that drains into Lost Lake is 10,000 acres so when you have 4” of rain in a short amount of time coming down, it all has to go somewhere and eventually ends up in the lake. He said that the rock riffles on Babbling Brook that they put in last year helps out. They are going to re-meander part of the stream, install a settling pond, and install riprap along portions of the stream, all of which will help slow the flow of the water and lessen the amount of sediment entering the lake. The only place that they can control the level of the lake when they get excessive rain is at the dam and overflow. The dam and overflow were constructed according to specifications regulated by the Army Corps Engineers and is working the way it was designed to do. Glenn said that Dick recommended that they could install a mechanism on the dam that would allow them to hydraulically lift the boards ahead of time when they are expecting heavy rains to control the level of the lake and allow the water to drain before it gets up to the 3’3” level. Jeff McKinley gave Marty some information on a mechanism that will do that. Steve recommended that they ask Dick from Wendler if he knows whether they would need to get something like that approved from the Army Corps. Glenn asked Tim if he would take on looking into having a meeting with Dick to research a cost effective method to do that and he said he would.

LCC Grounds Maintenance – Glenn is going to work with Becky and Shawn to schedule some maintenance around the LCC grounds. Don is retired and Shawn will be taking on his LCC cleaning duties at a rate of 1 hr a week and will take on the water testing responsibilities.

B. Marty Portner – Steve Larry Report – The Army Corps of Engineers is questioning the depth of the sediment pond that they want to install upstream – they want to ensure that depth justifies the amount of water that might

build up due to the remeandering of the stream that they plan to do. They are trying to get it approved under a national permit rather than a personal permit (which would have to be gotten by Ed Bettner), because a personal permit that would take another 12 months. Glenn said that Ron Mangini made a presentation to the RCD a few months ago regarding the viaducts that were widened by the county highway department on Lowden Rd and Mick Kazmerski called talking about the same thing and questioning whether the county did that legally. Glenn asked Ed Bettner, who is the Taylor Township highway commissioner, about it and he said that prior to them putting those new viaducts in, the roads were always washing out. Steve had also talked to Ed about it and his response was that the county has the right to mitigate road problems anywhere they see fit and installing the bigger culverts helped solve the problem of the roads washing out.

RCD's Prevailing Wage Requirements for Lost Lake Shoreline Stabilization – Andy Warcaba obtained a bid for stabilization and found that the RCD's requirement to have contractors paying their employees prevailing wages made the bid too cost prohibitive. Last month the board had talked of speaking to their attorney to see if there was a liability to the RCD if they didn't have that language in their rebate program, however, since there have been no other complaints from property owners about the prevailing wage requirement and Mr. Warcaba was not going to do the work anyway, Marty felt that it was not necessary to pursue the attorney's opinion at this time. The board agreed. Steve said that as a governmental agency, it's the RCD's responsibility if they are paying for something that involves a contractor to have the prevailing wage language in there.

Security Camera System for LCC – Last month the board talked about possibly installing a security camera system at the LCC, using the money that they have budgeted for security. They also discussed keeping within the security budget by suspending the security services in the winter because the duties of the security personnel lessen in the winter anyway since the campground and beaches are closed and there is not as much activity at the RCD parks and facilities. John asked how they would use security personnel to review anything that happens on the cameras if they suspend their contracts for the winter and Marty said that that would only be an issue during the winter months. If something did happen during that time, Marty feels that the board members could handle reviewing the cameras themselves and calling the Ogle County sheriff. Glenn said that he uses security cameras at his properties in Rochelle and turns them over to the police if it's serious enough. Marty motioned to suspend security for the months of November-February only for 2013-2014 and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-13-04] The cost for equipment to install a 6-camera system is about \$1,250-1,500, while installation shouldn't cost more than \$500. Marty motioned to approve the purchase and installation of a 6-camera security system at the LCC, with a cost not to exceed \$2,200 and to be offset by a suspension of the security personnel services for RCD property from Nov 2013 – Feb of 2014 and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [07-13-05]

C. John Harris – John had a question posed to him by a property owner about the quality of the lake in general and whether they ever had the septic fields checked on properties surrounding the lake to ensure that they are working properly so that there is no contamination to the lake. Marty said no, that is controlled by the county. Becky asked Marty if the POA has language in their by-laws regarding septic systems and Marty said that they only get involved in the installation of them, not monitoring them. John said it came up specifically because the beaches were recently closed and Becky said that, most likely, the fertilizer run-off from upstream farm fields contributes the majority of the bacteria that they test for in the lake. Due to the excessive rains that they recently had, there has been a higher concentration of contaminants coming down. Jeff McKinley said that Joe Rush has all the data collected from the VLMP program that they used to have and wondered if he has ever presented the data to the board. The board said no Shawn Parish asked about Don Rodger's 500-head cattle farm that is upstream and whether there is any contamination that could be coming off of that. Steve said that the RCD does not regulate that, however, they could call the EPA to check his lot to see if it is a source of excessive contamination. The board also talked about contacting the county to find out what their procedure for inspection is and whether they do anything. Marty said that he can talk to the county about that.

D. Tim Spelde – Approval for Payment to Oltmanns of \$2,375 for Construction of Stairs & Platform at Dam – Ken repaired some stabilization on Babbling Brook, moved the platform by North Beach back into place, installed a drain box and tile where they have had excessive washouts of the road leading to below the dam and the campground, and installed stairs and a concrete platform on the other side of the face of the dam to stop

people from compromising the stabilization of the dam face by moving the rocks to make their own paths down to fish. Tim motioned to approve the payment of \$2,375 to Ken Oltmanns for the construction of stairs & a platform at the Dam and Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. Tim is also going to have Ken take some of the gravel that is available from the POA to refill some potholes on the campground road and reface the path at the back of the campground that M. Stocksdale helped install last year. [07-13-06] Tim told Jeff Winterland, who was in attendance at the meeting, that he is welcome to submit bidding for work that the RCD needs done as well since the RCD doesn't have a specific alliance with any one contractor in the area in terms of extra projects.

Fish in the lake – they lost quite a few fish over the dam with this last heavy rain event. During their catfish event, 2 of the prizewinning catfish were caught below the dam. Shad are still a problem in the lake – Tim is working with Joe Rush and “Catman Jones” to find out if they can come back out to take care of that. Tim discussed talking to the POA about fixing the part of the road on Mississippi that washes out into the lake. Tim also wants to create a path on the other side of the creek and find some inexpensive concrete to put on the shoreline to help stabilize it. Becky asked the board if they would ever consider putting riprap in to stabilizing creek along the campground to protect the land from washing into the creek and Glenn asked Steve what the advantages would be. Steve said that that would protect the RCD's property along the creek from washing away. Becky asked if they could tie in a grant from the EPA for the work and Steve said probably not since you would have to show a cause and effect downstream, for example, they would rather handle the headwaters and not the end of the watershed. They could use non-state approved RR5 rock to save money on materials if they wanted to do something more substantial, otherwise, they could just put the concrete in like Tim suggested. Marty said that they would probably have to grade the shoreline back first and Steve agreed that they would want to do that so that the concrete would stay in place.

VII. New Business

A. Bid Request for Stabilization on Schings Park, Lot 16 on Oak Lane & RCD Property Adjacent to West Beach – Tim asked Shawn to get the measurements of the areas to be stabilized on these properties and to mark them with stakes so that Becky can insert the measurements into the bid language.

VIII. Guest Comments

A. Jeff McKinley – Jeff would like the RCD to talk to Joe about getting a report to the RCD about the quality of the water of the lake. Tim said that they do have aquatic management in the budget and he doesn't have a problem with having Joe come out and visit some of the reports that he has on the lake. Tim said that he'll follow up with it.

B. Becky Breckenfelder- Jerry Sellers sent an e-mail to Becky letting her know that some things need to be addressed at the N. Beach and Oak Lane Park:

- The beach rules sign w/ the owl on it needs to be straightened.
- A board on the fishing platform is rotted and needs to be replaced, after which the whole platform needs to be stained or painted.
- The posts w/ the ropes fed through them which delineate the parking area need to be straightened, reset & stained or painted.
- The 2 auto carp feeders need to be removed.
- Beach needs to be roto-tilled and raked.
- Two remaining pine trees in the cul-de-sac need to be trimmed.
- Road is a shambles and needs to be repaired.
- Stairs leading to the fishing platform at Oak Lane Park need help.

Tim said that he will take care of the fish feeders. Steve suggested that they could lay some crushed gravel down until they are ready to do something more permanent. Becky said that there are a couple of potholes in the LCC parking lot that need to be filled as well. Marty said that the POA has gravel available for people to use. Tim said that he would take care of the roads

Glenn asked if there has been any feedback on ideas to defray the RCD's cost to maintain the building and do needed repairs to the roof and Marty said that anything that they have on the subject is posted on their website and Facebook page. He also mentions it in the newsletter, which hasn't come out yet.

- IX. Motion to Adjourn** – Marty motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35PM and John seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [07-13-07]

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