



LNNLRCD Board Meeting August 5, 2004 at 7:00PM

Board	Joe Gargano	-	President
Members	Joe Olliges	-	Secretary
Present:	Bill Piper	-	Treasurer
	Herb Hill	-	Personnel

Guests:	Bob Bortman	Tom Clarey
	John Gelwicks	Chuck Jolicoeur
	John Mulholland	Daniel Nicolini
	Jerry Sellers	Amy Spelde
	Tim Spelde	

Employees: Becky Breckenfelder
Mike Schiltz

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – Joe Gargano called the August 5th meeting to order at 7:07PM. All members were present with one position still available.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Approval of Agenda** – Joe O. motioned to approve August 1st agenda. Herb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-04-01]
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** – Joe O. motioned to approve the April 1st – Executive, May 19th – Special and Executive, May 25th – Special, June 3rd – Executive, June 26th – Special, July 1st and July 1st Executive, and the July 8th Special minutes. Herb seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. [08-04-02]
- V. **Treasurer's Report** – The RCD's total assets are \$670,710.17. They received a tax check of 64,402.92, which Bill deposited into the money market, along with some other deposits from rentals and pop machine. The total expenses for July were \$8,148.21 and the total year to date was \$23, 614.37. Joe G. asked what they had been taking out of Repairs and Updates as it was \$2,532.98. Becky said that \$1897.50 of it was for the engineering services report performed for the Lake Court Center.

Becky said that she adjusted the Fixed Assets amount by subtracting \$92,000 from equipment for the dredge that they sold last year and adding \$94,366 to land to reflect the 23-acre parcel that they purchased in 2002 and lots 10 and 11 on Oak Lane that they purchased in 2003.

There is a CD that is coming due on August 11th that Bill will be looking at to determine whether they should keep it as a CD or if they will need the cash. He'll be looking at the interest rates first. He is hoping that they get a second payout from the county before the payment on the loan is due in October, otherwise he will take some out of the money market to cover the payment. Joe G. suggested that if they don't end up doing the

planned work on the building, then perhaps they could put the money in a CD over the winter. Bill agreed that he doesn't want to leave a large amount in the money market over the winter. Joe O. motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Herb seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-04-03]

Tax Levy – Bill said that if they ask for 5% less than the amount of money that they received this year, then they are not required to hold a tax levy hearing, however, the amount of money that they received last year was about \$115,000 and they are asking for over \$228,000 so a hearing is required this year. A guest asked if the \$335,601.41 figure was what the RCD asked for last year and Joe G. said no, that was what they spent last year. Joe G. said that he went up to the clerk's office and when they questioned why the RCD was asking for so much, he told them that the RCD had spent \$260,663.72 last year (\$335,601.41 minus the \$74,937.69 carried over in the Lake Preservation Line Item).

Joe G. motioned to hold the tax levy hearing on Thursday, September 16th at 7:00PM. Bill seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-04-04]

Joe O. motioned to approve \$239,000 amount asked for in the 2005 tax levy. Herb seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-04-05]

2004 Annual Treasurer's Report – The cash on hand on April 30, 2003 was \$64,399.55. The total disbursements for the 2004 fiscal year were \$260,663.72 while the total receipts were \$271,201.86 (which included the sale of the dredge and the \$60,000 loan). Cash on hand as of May 1, 2004 was \$74,937.69. There is also a loan out of \$114,695.27 that is slated to be paid out in four annual payments. Joe O. motioned to approve the Annual Treasurer's Report. Herb seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-04-06]

- VI. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to Tina, Fred, and Amy** – Joe O. motioned to amend the agenda by moving the presentation to later in the meeting when Amy arrives. Herb seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-04-07]

VI. Board Member Reports

A. Joe Gargano – President

1. Dredging / Restoration Update –

- a. Joe G. got Bob Schulze to cut the grass by the west entrance.
- b. He put in some dirt and spread it out at a low spot at Schings Park.
- c. Two weeks ago the Schings Park sign was installed
- d. Henry Cachel's lot was redone and reseeded.
- e. The beaches were rototilled.

Lots 10 and Tom Clarey stated that they (the LNPOA) are not happy with the way lots 10 and 11 were restored after the RCD performed the dredging and they would like it to be restored to its natural state, with grass growing on it. Joe G. said that if they were to restore it, it wouldn't be until September, and he would probably hire Bob Schulze to turn the lots over and reseed it.

Joe O. asked if the LNPOA had sold the lots yet and Tom said no because they are still waiting for the results of the perk test. Joe O. said that he would like to table the issue until the perk tests come back because if the land passes the tests and they sell the lots, then they would be buying them as is. Tom said that he wasn't part of the discussions and doesn't know if the potential buyer was told that the land would be restored to its natural state or not. Joe G. said that if the LNPOA retains ownership, then he doesn't have a problem with restoring it, however, if they sell

them and the seller buys them as-is, then he would leave them alone. Tom said he would check into it.

Flagg Road Silt Basin – Joe G. would like Ken Oltmanns to dredge out the Flagg Road Silt Basin in September or October. Joe G. figures it'll only take him a ½ day to a day to do it.

Lots in front by West Entrance – They had voted to spend \$1,000 to clear out the willows on the three lots in the front by the west entrance. Joe G. suggested that they consider doing that this year too and perhaps tilling up and reseeding lots 10,11, 12, and 13.

B. Joe Olliges – No Report

Joe G. said that they were complemented on their contributions to the Ripple and the Newsletter and he told the person that Joe O. is the one who generates it. He also wanted to remind the other two board members to let Joe O. know if they have something to add.

No Swimming in Lake - Joe G. asked Joe O. to put something in the Ripple letting people know that there is no swimming allowed in the lake right now. He asked Becky to put some laminated signs at the entrances to warn people when the lake shouldn't be swum in. Tim said that there are some neon electric signs that were recently purchased by the New Landing POA and suggested that they could post the beach closings on those signs. Joe G. thought that was a good idea.

Dan Nicolini asked if the RCD has a designated place for dogs to enter the lake to swim and Joe G. said no. He then asked if the RCD can regulate whether someone allows their dog to enter the lake off of private property and Joe G. said that there is nothing in the ordinance that prohibits dogs in the lake, however, they are not allowed on the sandy parts of the beaches and if they are on RCD properties, then they have to be on a leash.

Bill left early.

C. Herb Hill – No Report

D. Carl Piper – No Report

VII. Employee Reports

A. Becky

1. IDES Filing - Becky said that Bill and she filled out a 32 page report for the Illinois Department of Employment Security and paid back dues and late fees totally \$1,153.91 for the quarters from the beginning of 2000 to the second quarter of 2004. If they hadn't gotten the quarters filed by the 20th of July, they would have been charged another \$640 in fines.

Joe O. asked if their accountant is responsible for filing their tax reports. Becky said that the accountant does their annual financial report. She is going to contact the accountant and ask them the status on that. He asked why the accountant isn't picking up on that kind of stuff. Becky said that she thinks that now that we have more employees who are making more money, certain filings, like state income tax are being triggered that weren't before. Joe O. would like to have Bill meet with the accountant to go over what they and the RCD should be doing. Joe G. agreed that Bill should meet with the accountant.

2. Lease Agreement – Joe G. wrote up a letter to send to the attorney so that he may draw up a lease agreement for the office space in Becky's lower level. Joe O. asked about whether the office would be done in September and Joe G. said that the office was pretty much along. Herb motioned to accept the agreement to send to the attorney. Joe O seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. Bill was absent during the vote. [08-04-08]

3. Lateral File Cabinet – Becky would like to get a lateral file cabinet to store the RCD files. Joe G. suggested that Becky get a brochure and show him and Bill a couple of choices that she would like to get. Because it is under 500 dollars, they could get it without a board motion.

4. Beaches Closed – The beaches are closed because of the high bacteria level in the water sample taken at the N. Beach. There have also been a lot of goose droppings at the N. Beach and Joe O. asked Doug to clean it up once a week for the rest of the summer. John Mulholland and his wife have cleaned up the beach a couple times too. Joe G. went down to the N. Beach to see if there might have been anything visibly polluting the water and didn't see anything.

B. Mike – Sara will be turning the lawn mower in to Mike tomorrow because she is done for this year, however, Mike won't be able to mow for at least the next two weeks because he will going in to Rockford for heart surgery.

VIII. Presentation of Certificate to Amy (Fred and Tina were unable to come) – Joe G. presented a certificate of appreciation to Amy on behalf of the RCD that read "As a testimonial of our sincere appreciation to Amy Marie Spelde in honor and with deep appreciation of your dedicated and unselfish service given to the community while serving on the Lost Nation New Landing River Conservancy District board given this 5th day of August, 2004." She was also presented with a gift certificate to La Vigna.

IX. Old Business

A. Building Renovations – Joe G. spoke with Scott, w/ Wendler Engineering, who told him that there is a swimming pool buried out in front of the Lake Court Center, this was confirmed by a couple of residents out here too. The cement planter is a part of the pool structure. They believe that it is part of the cause of the flooding in the basement because the lines running through the south wall are to service the pool. Joe G. brought a map of the plans of what they were going to originally do with the Lake Court Center. When asked by Joe G., Scott said that it would take him a day or two to make the changes that Joe G. and Herb made to the plans. Joe G. told him that he would let him know by Friday whether they would be doing the work this year. In June the board had thought that they may hold off till next year due to the time frame. In October, there are only two events taking place during the week when work would be taking place (if they were to do it then).

Herb said that if they did anything, he would at least like to see roof and the east side done, which he feels would get rid of 80-85% of the water coming in. Joe G. said that it would depend on what time Herb is able to commit to. He suggested that they also do the excavation for the ventilation system and boxes. The kitchen could even be done too.

Joe G. said that if they did do the work this year, they would have to get an ad in the paper next week, they would need to get the spec. adjusted, someone would have to be here to meet with the contactors, accept bids, etc. Joe G. asked if Herb would be available the entire month of October to oversee the project with limited help from the other board members. Herb said not the entire month, however, he would be there the last 2-3 weeks. Joe G. said that if there is a time conflict then they should put it off until

next year. Herb said that he would personally like to see at least part of the work done, although he does have commitments up north. Herb said that he would have to meet with the contractors and get start and end dates for the job. He also needs to be there when they start, when they bring the materials, and check things like putting the posts in sonnatubes, however, he doesn't feel that he has to be there everyday. Joe G. said that based on what Herb is saying, he would like to wait until next year to do the job and maybe they'll have a new board member to help oversee the job at that time.

B. Posting of "No Alcohol" Signs at RCD Properties – Joe O. is having Doug put in the "No Alcohol Permitted signs at all the RCD properties.

X. New Business

A. Shoreline Improvement Request – Bill Hulbert is requesting to redo his existing dock. Joe O. already went over and looked at the job and approved it. Herb asked if the AC2 lumber that is being used to construct the dock is approved for use by the DNR for use in the water. Joe G. said that it should be arsenic free and Mike said that it is the only thing they sell. That is what all the docks have been constructed out of in the past. Joe G. said that he didn't think it was a concern as long as it is arsenic free, however, it was a valid point to bring up. Joe O. motioned to approve the rebuilding of Bill Hulbert's dock based on the drawing and application that he submitted. Herb seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-04-09]

XI. Guests/Public Opinion

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

A. Chuck Jolicoeur – Chuck requested copies of the Annual Treasurer's Report and the Budget. Becky will get those to him by Monday.

B. Tim Spelde – Tim said that at the last fishing club meeting there were several members who were interested in resurrecting the Lake Management Committee to talk about goose patrol and long term dredging plans. Joe G. agreed that that was a worthy pursuit, and admitted that with the extensive dredging that he oversaw last year, he needed a break over the winter, in the spring they lost three board members, and this summer they have been discussing the rehab of the building, they have not had the time to keep the Lake Management Committee active. Tim said that he understands that the board has been very busy and in fact, that may be where a committee might be able to help them with their work. Joe G. said that they would need two board members who would be available to attend the meetings and he thinks that January would be a good time to re-band the committee.

C. Dan Nicolini - Dan asked if the RCD is planning on putting in a dock or boat launch on the west side and Joe G. said no because they don't have the property.

Adjourn: Joe O. motioned to adjourn the meeting. Herb seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll- call vote and meeting adjourned at 9:05PM. [08-04-10]

Next Scheduled Meeting: September 2, 2004

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