



Date: February 5, 2004 7:00PM

Board Members Present: Tina O'Malley - President
Joe Gargano - Vice President
Joe Olliges - Secretary
Amy Spelde - Treasurer

Absent: Fred Stegbauer - Personnel

Guests: Frank Durkin Dan Nicolini
Ralph Petersen Jerry Sellers
Barb Wiese

Employees: Don Bluemel
Becky Breckenfelder
Mason Moody - Absent
Mike Schiltz

I. Called To Order: Tina O'Malley called the February 5th LNNLRCD meeting to order at 7:02PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Agenda: Joe O. motioned to approve the agenda. Amy seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [02-04-01]

IV. Minutes: Joe O. motioned to approve the January 8th minutes. Amy seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [02-04-02]

V. Treasurer's Report: Becky made the changes to the budget that were discussed last month which included adding \$60,000 from the loan extension to dredging, moving \$1,000 from Fish to Beaches, and deleting the two categories that she inadvertently added to the checking register. Joe O. asked if that was the final payment on dredging and Becky said yes. Tina said that they would still need to pay for the road repairs from the damage caused by the dredging. Joe O. asked about the liability insurance and Tina said that the \$8648.00 paid for the liability and Becky said that workman's comp was paid last month to Virginia Surety. Joe O. was concerned because the refuse company hasn't been emptying the trashcans at the beaches. Tina agreed and asked Becky to call them and ask them to please get out to check the cans rather than only briefly slowing down to check the cans and not getting out to empty them if they weren't overflowing. Joe O. motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Amy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote. [02-04-03]

VI. Board Member Reports:

A. Tina O'Malley

1. Lake Court Center Usage Regarding Funerals -Tina motioned that the RCD allow property owners to use the Lake Court Center free of charge for funeral luncheons. Joe O. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote. [02-04-04]

2. Illinois Lake Management Conference - The conference will be held March 25th-27th at the Chicago Botanical Gardens. Joe O. asked if attendees are required to go to all three days of the conference and Tina said no, they can choose which days to go. As soon as Tina gets the

information on the conference she will give it to Becky so anyone interested in going to the conference should let Becky know. Jerry Sellers asked to borrow the newsletter that Tina had and Joe O. said he could make copies of it and Amy suggested that they scan it and make it available on the RCD website. Tina said that she would do that.

B. Joe Gargano – No report

C. Joe Olliges

1. Creel Limit Recommendations from Fishing Club & Al Pulley - Jerry Sellers contacted Al Pulley and Joe Olliges printed out a report (see attached) of Al Pulley's suggestions versus the fishing club's suggestions. Joe O. motioned to adopt the fishing club's suggested creel limits on all their listed fish species except the walleye, which he wants to keep at Al Pulley's recommendation of a 16" minimum length with 3 per day allowed. Amy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote. [02-04-05] Participating fishing club members will be keeping fishing logs to find out if the creel limits have any impact on the fish population. Al Pulley also made recommendations on stocking 880 small mouth bass, 1500 walleye, and 100 muskie in 2004. Joe O. would like to add any other game fish that they can stock this year within the RCD budget too. Jerry said that because the 100 muskie were difficult to get last year that the RCD should try to reserve an order for this year as soon as possible. Joe O. said that he would check to see if Fred wants to order the fish, otherwise, he would do it.

D. Fred Stegbauer – No report

E. Amy Spelde

Amy renewed the CD because she found a 7-month CD at 1.7% interest versus the money market, which is at .35%.

VII. Employee Reports

A. Becky

1. Egg Shaking Permit - The goose egg-shaking permit, which is good from March 11 to June 8 arrived. Jerry Sellers asked if copies of the permit could be made for all the volunteers so that they would have one on their person and Joe O. said that he would make copies.

2. Letter from New Landing Regarding Burn-pile - New Landing sent a letter in response to the letter we sent regarding the burn-pile. They are in support of closing the burn-pile if we should deem it necessary.

3. Boat Stickers - This month Becky will be ordering the annual boat stickers and compiling a call-list for them. In March she will start contacting people. Jerry Sellers suggested that, if it was helpful last year, Becky give him another sheet for fishing club members to sign if their boating information has stayed the same.

VIII. Old Business

A. Goose Control – Joe O. said that neither the federal government nor the state has made any changes regarding goose control yet. Joe gave Frank a lot of goose control methods recommended on the web site. Frank is compiling a letter to the community giving a comprehensive profile of what goose-control is, with short and long-term objectives. While doing research, Frank discovered the federal and state government is not in a position to give them any help in controlling the goose population so he feels that the responsibility is for the community to apply the management necessary, this year and on an annual basis until they can get control of the population. He stated that the beaches are perfect havens for the geese and he wondered what the RCD had planned to control the geese from coming up onto the beaches, lake court center, and boat launches. Tina said that she would like to see a 3' no-mow zone at the East Boat Landing, which will only work if the neighbors on each side do the same. Frank agreed and added that they would try to let the lakeshore property owners know what their objectives on goose control are. Tina said that the only thing they can do this year is put up wire at the beaches until it is warm enough to swim. Tina said that she will probably go out and put in the string and stakes at the shorelines that were graded last year and doing have grass yet. Becky mentioned the reflective Irritape that they bought last year and Tina said that they actually recommend clear tape so that the geese can't see why they aren't able to get onto the shore. The reflective tape works, but then when you take it down, they will see that it is gone and return. Frank asked Joe if he could get a copy of the web site that showed the different goose-deterrent products and methods so that

everyone can use the same things. Tina said that she would like to see the natural look used the most, with the string and tapes used in areas that aren't yet grown or where grass cannot be grown. Mike said that someone mowed the grass at the East Beach and Tina said that they will let the grass grow back up and post a sign saying to leave the grass grow.

IX. New Business

A. **RV/Boat Storage** – Tina said that both boards have expressed an interest in having an RV/Boat Storage area. She said that what needs to be looked at are the cost to construct and maintain such a facility, average rental fees to see how long it would take to recoup the costs, who will maintain it, and asking the attorney to draw up the paperwork needed for it. Joe G. started off by stating that he felt that the only way this would work would be if the RCD administered it. He got an estimate from Bill Nordman of \$16,000 for leveling, grading, and putting in one foot of stone on a one-acre site. He also got an estimate from Sauk Valley Fence of \$12,000-15,000 for an eight-foot security fence with barbwire on top. So the cost would be approximately \$30,000-35,000, not including the cost of an access drive, engineer's drawing, or the land survey. One acre would hold about 50-60 vehicles. In a previous survey, there was interest shown by 26 property owners just on the Lost Nation side. Barb Wiese said that at an ILAC meeting that she attended, storage fees ran from \$15.00 up to \$55.00 and \$75.00 per month. For example, if they charged \$20.00 a month per person, they would earn about \$12,000 a year, recouping their costs in three years. Tina recommended that they put the question out in the newsletter to find out how many people would be interested in using the facility. Joe O. is not interested in any boat/RV storage facility; Amy thinks it is worth finding out how many people are interested in it. Tina said she would contact Nadine about putting it in the newsletter and the Ripple.

B. **Board Opening** - Tina said that the two board openings need to be posted at the gates so that people will have time to get their applications in and be interviewed. Interested persons can get applications from the RCD office or the county.

X. Guests: No Guest Comments

XI. Adjourn: Joe G. motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50PM. Joe O. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. [02-04-06]

Next Meeting: March 4, 2004

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