

now, but if any contractors are looking for stuff, Joe G. will tell them to pull it out of there. Joe G. figured that the general consensus was that they would haul the debris out. Joe O. asked if the permit said anything about the RCD being required to test the material if it is used elsewhere and Joe G. said that he'll look, but he doesn't recall the permit requiring that. The main thing the Army Corps was concerned with was return water being tested during a hydraulic dredging operation. In Joe G.'s notes, he has most of the property owners listed that took material for us. Amy suggested that they put it on the sled hill.

b. Grade Modification and Rip-rip Installation on lots 12 & 13 to Prevent

Erosion - Joe G. recommended that they get a cost estimate on modifying the shoreline and putting in stone riprap on lots 12 and 13 to help prevent erosion there. Fred, Joe O., and Amy are in favor of pulling the shoreline back and installing the riprap.

c. Putting in Rock Area for Parking at Lot 13- Joe G. asked the board their opinion on putting in enough road rock on lot 13 for 4 – 6 cars to park by the east entrance to enable property owners to park there. It is a pretty popular place for people to fish down there by the bridge. Fred, Joe O., and Amy are in favor of putting in stone for a parking area on lot 13.

2. The Grading and Planting of 23-Acre Property - The dump has to be graded by Nordman and once that is completed Ken Oltmanns would like to plant alfalfa there if the RCD doesn't plan on dumping there for a few years. Joe told him that although there are no guarantees, he doesn't foresee any major dumping there unless there was a major storm and even then they could dump most of it at the east end so as not to effect the majority of the site. It would be beneficial in that the lots would not become overgrown with weeds.

3. The Grading and Seeding of Lots 10-13 and Lot 17 – Joe G. talked to Ken Oltmanns about the grading and seeding of lots 10-13 and lot 17, also mentioning Joe O.'s suggestion of rolling the area. Ken felt that rolling the area would not be worthwhile because of the volume of rocks that are there – he felt that they would heave up the following year. Ken just acquired a rock picker that he runs off of a skid loader and Joe G. was in favor of trying that. Bill Nordman said he could possibly get in to do the work the last week of April or 1st week of May. Ken said he could probably be in within a week or two after Bill was done to grade, pick the rocks off and seed the lots. Joe G. is going to ask Ken for an estimate on grading and seeding the lots with the cost of seed included on the price.

Joe G. wants to take the remaining grass seed that is in the storage room and overseed the area at Schings Park the beginning of April. Joe O. suggested that they could use the rock picker at Schings Park too but Joe G. said that they already have grass coming up from last year's seeding and the rock picker would churn all that up.

4. Trading Labor for Use of Land for Planting - Joe O. asked if they could allow Ken Oltmanns to plant on the RCD property in exchange for work done and Joe G. said that Ken didn't send a bill for the work that he did with the boards (which cost \$1,300 the last time they were put in) or the burn-pile. Joe G. needs to find out if that was in exchange for planting last year or for this coming year; he thinks it is a pretty good trade-off and added that Ken is willing to trade labor for the continued use of the land. Joe also wants to find out if Ken is still interested in obtaining the trailer that the dredge was on, also in exchange for labor.

5. Talking to Hydraulic Dredge Operators for Possible Future Dredging Plans - Joe G. called Heartland Pump (the company that the RCD sold the dredge to) and got the reference of a gentleman out of Effingham who does a lot of work in Northern Illinois. Joe would like to have him out to give his professional opinion on what can be done out here even though Joe knows nothing will probably be done for the next two years. He runs a 12-inch pump off of his rig, which is the size that has been recommended for out lake.

C. Joe Olliges

1. Illinois Lake Management Conference – Joe O. obtained some booklets on the conference from the lake manager of Lake Carroll so anyone interested can apply.

2. Fish Stocking – Joe O. spoke with Gollon Bait and Fish about getting Muskie and game fish for the lake, which they won't have any until the fall. (For prices, see attachment). Joe will be getting

comparison quotes from other fisheries as well. If they don't spend the \$1,000 that is in this year's budget, Joe O. wants to carry it over to next year for fall stocking. Al Pulley retired a week ago so the RCD won't have his shocking services anymore – they will have to wait and see if there will be a replacement.

Joe G. asked Fred what they have been spending annually on fish stocking and Fred said \$3,000.

D. Amy Spelde – No Report

E. Fred Stegbauer

1. Carp Removal – Last year's cost for carp removal was \$600 a day. When it was done last year, they didn't get much so they only did it one day, however, that could be because it was too early in the year. Fred said that they might have to wait until warmer weather to increase the population, although they don't want to wait too long and get into the spawning season. Fred would like to get an expert opinion on the best time to do it. Joe O. offered to talk to the gentleman that he previously spoke with out of Lake Carroll as to when the best time to do it. Fred agreed and said he would also talk to the carp fisherman. The board is going to wait until next month to vote on an approved amount to spend on carp removal, based on the cost estimates Fred will get and on what they have available to spend. Ralph Petersen suggested that the ILAC might be a good source to talk to others regarding carp control.

VII. Employees

A. Becky Breckenfelder

1. Email and Website

Becky has been having on-going problems accessing her e-mail through the RCDINFO.com account. Amy said that the recent problem occurred when their backup system failed – any information that wasn't received was lost. Joe G. asked Joe O. to look into other providers just to get cost estimates and compare with the provider we have now. Becky will get the information regarding how long the service contract was for and the cost. Tina will also be training Becky on how to update the website.

2. Boat Stickers

Becky is going to start calling boat owners regarding their stickers. She has the stickers for this year and the mailing list ready. Joe O. and Joe G. discussed doing a boat survey and round up of expired state boat stickers.

VIII. Old Business - None

IX. New Business

A. Hiring of Employees for Summer – Mike Schiltz will continue to mow for the RCD this year, however, Joe G. recommended that they post notices for someone to help Mike as there will be the two lots acquired last year and the two acres at Schings Park added on to the job. Mike agreed that he would like some assistance. Becky will contact Mason to find out if he is able to work again this year – about 15 hours a week then she will post notices if necessary. Hopefully, they will get some applicants in time for after the April 1st meeting. Mike said that the area that is near the New Landing headquarters cannot be cut with the RCD's lawnmower so they will have to hire someone to do that. Becky asked if they could give her a list of things that are going to need to be done and Fred said he'd try to do that.

B. Maintenance & Repairs to Lake Court Center & Parking Lot – Joe G. proposed four items for the board's consideration, all of which he figures will not cost more than \$5,000. Joe would like to decide on what they can do once they get an idea of next year's budget, fish stocking, and estimates on Nordman's final work. The rest of the board agreed that the items should be considered. The items are as follows:

1. Lake Court Center Parking Lot Expansion

2. Reduce Flooding in Basement of LCC

3. Installation of Additional Downspouts or Larger Gutters – Joe spoke to Mark Piper at a gathering recently and he felt that the problem with the gutters is that the water is not getting out of the gutters fast enough.

4. Installation of Posts and Ropes in Front of LCC – Last year the board had discussed putting in posts and ropes in front of the LCC to prevent people from parking on the grass there and messing it up.

X. Guests:

Joe G. commented that Frank Durkin is putting out an open letter to the public in the Ripple, which describes the Goose Patrol – which is comprised of mainly volunteers from the fishing club.

Ralph Petersen – Ralph said that the social committee was thinking about buying more cabinets for the kitchen and they would like to have an island installed in the center for serving large groups. Ralph added that before the social committee voted to spend the money on putting in more cabinets, he thinks that they should get the carpet out of there and replace it with tile. Joe G. said that they will put it on next month's agenda and he asked Joe O. to get a quote on replacing the tile.

The doorknobs are going to be replaced on all the restrooms and a deadbolt lock will be put on the entrance. Ralph said that the RCD needs to make sure that the doors are unlocked for renters and a list of contact numbers in case it isn't opened. Joe said that there will be a list of board members and others to contact in case the door is locked.

Don Bluemel – Don expressed his concerns on the amount of the loan that the RCD has out (around \$105,000) versus the annual income of \$115,000. Joe G. explained that they voted last year to add \$60,000 to the existing loan because the dredging operation was very economically productive and because the interest rates were so low. They felt that it would be better to take the extra material out of the lake then, rather than in a few years when it could be more expensive. Don thinks that the RCD should try to get the loan paid off sooner than the five-year agreement (50,000-60,000 rather than 20,000-30,000). Joe G. responded that at the low rate that the loan is at, they might not necessarily want to do that.

XI. Adjourn: Amy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Fred seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM. [03-04-03]

Next Meeting: 04-01-2004

March 04th Motion List:

Joe O. motioned to approve the February 5th minutes. Amy seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote. [03-04-01]

Fred motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Joe O. seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-04-02]

Amy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Fred seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM [03-04-03]