



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

Guests: Chuck Jolicoeur Daniel Nicolini
Ralph Petersen

Employees: Becky Breckenfelder

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – The July 1st, 2004 meeting was called to order at 7:03PM. All members were present with one position still available.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Approval of Agenda** – Joe G. motioned to approve the July 1st agenda. Herb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-04-01]
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** – Joe O. motioned to approve the May 6 and June 3 minutes. Bill seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-04-02]
- V. **Treasurer's Report** – Bill did a quick overview of the treasurer's reports. He asked what the fiscal year was and Joe G. said that our current fiscal year (2005) runs from May 2004 to April 2005. \$206,901.64 is shown as the working budget for this fiscal year. Bill didn't get to see the budget until today because July's meeting fell on the first day of this month and Becky was only able to print out the reports today. In the future, she will be able to print them out sooner, enabling Bill to review them before the meeting. Bill questioned what the \$1,000 for fish was and Becky said it was for carp removal. Bill asked why there was a -216.00 in the pop machine budget and Becky explained that a negative in that column means a gain and that she accidentally put the \$216.00 income that they received in Pop Machine money under the Pop Machine expense section rather than the Pop Machine income section. Bill asked about the \$122.95 under miscellaneous expenses and Becky said that the 12.95 to Personnel Concepts was for a Federal Labor poster, \$50.00 was for a building deposit refund, and in May, \$60 went to YourSite for the annual fee on the LNNLRCD website. Joe O. recommended that they bring previous treasurer's reports to each meeting so that they can refer back to them if necessary. Bill said he is starting a file of them.

Joe O. questioned the negative amounts shown under a split item and Joe G. and Bill explained that the negative slashes in front of the two split items was an indicator to show that they add up to the total amount written on the check. Bill asked why there was a difference of about \$409.00 in the two bottom numbers on the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual, 1st column and Joe G. said that the 408.51 is the income listed at the top, that is received from interest, miscellaneous, and rentals.

Bill asked if Doug was on the Menards account and Becky said no. Bill asked if they wanted to put Doug on there and Joe G. said that they don't usually put the part-timers on the accounts. There is a CD due in August. Joe O. motioned to approve the treasurer's report, with the needed amendment of the pop machine income allocation

noted above. Herb seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-04-03]

VI. Board Member Reports

A. Joe Gargano – President

1. **Dredging / Restoration Update – Fill:** Joe G. is trying to contact Ken Oltmanns to have him haul some dirt in to Henry Cachel's lot and have it reseeded and the ditch cleaned up. He may also have some dirt brought in at Schings Park smooth the bumpiness and he would reseed it himself. Bill asked Joe to have Ken dump a yard of dirt at the LCC to fill in around the posts.

Road Repairs: Today, Joe G. took the road repair guy, who is doing work for Lost Nation, over to the two temporary drive areas that the RCD put in on Oak Lane and he told Joe that it would be a waste of money to patch along the shoulder there because it is pretty sound and he would just seal coat over it since Lost Nation is scheduling to have that road done anyway.

Bill reported that a rope that is by the port-a-potty at the South Beach has rotted through. He asked if they wanted the rope replaced and Joe G. responded that most of the ropes are getting pretty rotted so if they were going to replace the ropes, he would replace all of them and stain all the posts. Joe O. recommended that the rope at the East Beach be taken down because it is a hassle for the mowers to go around.

2. Oak Wilt:

The RCD paid Roger Patterson to remove three trees infected with Oak Wilt from the N. Beach and there is an 8" diameter tree on the RCD property that is by the Rinaldi property that they will have removed per Joe G.'s request too. Ralph asked Joe G. how they determined that it was Oak Wilt and Joe said that it looks like it. Ralph said that George Poe, who the New Landing Board is paying \$75 an hour to identify trees with Oak Wilt, said that you couldn't really tell.

Joe G. said that the leaves on these particular trees started turning in late May and by late June they were all dropped and, according to George Poe, that one of the most identifying factors was a sudden drop in leaves. Bill said that he spoke with George Poe and he is due to come out this summer for the Lost Nation POA.

Ralph shared what he has learned from Mark Pankow and George Poe regarding Oak Wilt, like the fact that there is no cure for it, that you identify them in September, that you should take them down between September and February, and that they should be taken down and burned in the same spot (they should not be hauled off-site).

Joe G. said that he would still prefer to have that last tree removed as it appears to be dying and it is just one tree, however, if the board preferred to keep the tree, he wouldn't have it removed. Bill said that he would like to hire George Poe to come out and look at the RCD properties to identify whether they have a problem. Joe G. said that there wasn't much RCD property that was affected – just the Campground and the N. Beach. Ralph offered to ask his board if, when they hire George to come out to look at the New Landing Property, they would pay to have him look at the campground. Joe G. said that he doesn't have a problem paying for it, he just doesn't see a need to hire George to come out each time they have one or two suspect trees. Joe G. tabled decision on whether to hire George Poe to do an inspection for the RCD till next month.

B. Joe Olliges – No Report

C. Herb Hill – No Report

D. Carl Piper – No Report

VII. Employee Reports

A. Becky – Becky had all of the employees fill out W-4 forms for withholding their taxes. She also filed the form 941 quarterly federal tax form for this quarter. Last week she received correspondence from the Illinois unemployment office requesting that she fill out forms to determine the amount that the RCD needs to pay out, including late fees, for every quarter that the RCD has retained employees since 2000.

Becky spoke with Rebecca Huntley, the Ogle county clerk, about the 2005 tax levy and found that it doesn't have to be filed with them until the last week in December. With some help from Tina, Becky generated the numbers for the tax levy, and the Annual Treasurer's report (which showed our expenditures from last fiscal year), that Bill can look at ahead of time (Joe G. wants to meet Becky & Bill to discuss the tax levy as well). The Tax Levy must be approved at that meeting, a date for the tax levy hearing should be set, and the Annual Treasurer's report should be approved at the time. Then Becky must call up the Ogle county clerk to have the tax levy hearing date posted at least 10 days prior to the meeting – the Tax Levy and Annual Treasurer's Report will be posted at the same time. Then, after the items are posted, the proof of publications must be filed with the county. Chuck said that we would have to post the tax levy hearing date 30 days in advance and Becky said that once the board picks a date for the tax levy hearing, she would post it right away to make it at least 30 days in advance. Joe G. asked Chuck and he said that if the amount they ask for is 5% over what they asked for last year, then they have to have the tax hearing.

B. Sara – Sara told Joe G. that she has been averaging 37 hours a week for mowing.

VIII. Old Business

A. Building Renovations/Engineering Services – Joe G. spoke with Scott Brown, who plans on having the specs. for the building done by next week. Joe G. would like to go over the specs. with Herb to see if any changes need to be made then once there is a final draft, it can be presented to the entire board at another special meeting.

B. Burn Pile – There was debris dumped at the campground and they found who it belonged to and Joe O. spoke to the people, who cleaned it up accordingly. Bill asked if they were going to continue to keep the burn-pile. Tim Spelde requested that the burn-pile be shut down and suggested that the RCD could turn it into a park. Ralph said that closing the burn-pile down would be advantageous to the New Landing POA because they plan on adding an office for with windows for the office manager that they plan on hiring in the future and every time the burn-pile would be burned, the smoke would drift right into that building. Joe G. said that First, he knows there will be a lot of flak from the community if the burn-pile is closed down. Second, they would have to do is post it in the Ripple to let people know in plenty of time that they were closing it down, say in September. And third, they would have to erect some temporary fencing with a 4' X 8' sign at the area to prevent people from bringing debris down there afterwards. Ralph said that they ought to post it in the Newsletter too. Joe G. responded that they would post it on the gates coming in and in the Ripple, however, because the next newsletter doesn't come out until the fall, property owners wouldn't get the information in time to stop them from bringing leaves and brush down in the early fall. Bill said that the burn-pile is a convenience to the community, especially since both POA's have no burning allowed on their properties. Joe G. asked if the board wanted to take a vote on closing down the burn-pile. Bill motioned to close the burn-pile on September 1st. No one seconded the motion. Motion failed. [07-04-04]

C. Mosquito Abatement – Joe G. asked Ralph if the New Landing Board approved a mosquito abatement program and Ralph said no. Joe G. said it was a moot point then. Becky read off a statement from Sonja, the Lost Nation POA secretary, stating that the Lost Nation Board has approved the spraying, however, the New Landing Board majority voted no, however, Barb was going to call John to ask him some questions on whether it was possible for them to go in together. Joe O. said that he would be in favor of contacting that gentleman to have it done just for the RCD properties. Herb asked if that would be effective and Joe G. said no. Ralph said that Mt. Morris, Oregon, and the park district did it, but won't do it again because it only lasts for a couple of days, while the larvae last for 5-10 days, and also it is too cost prohibitive for them. Joe G. said that he went to the City Council meeting in Oregon and they were considering doing the town and had heard favorable comments from Mt. Morris. The board decided not to do anything with the mosquito abatement since New Landing voted it down.

IX. New Business

A. Boat Racks Policy – Joe G. looked back in the records and found that there is no official policy requiring boats stored on RCD property to be on racks so he suggested that they create a policy. Once they vote to approve a boat rack policy, Joe G. wants Becky to add a sentence to the boat sticker application indicating such. Joe G. motioned to create a boat rack policy stating that all boats stored on RCD property must be on racks, effective September 1st. Joe O. seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-04-05] Joe O. said that with this new policy, they will have to create boat storage at the N. Beach. Joe G. asked Joe O. to put a little blurb in the Ripple and the Newsletter to inform people of the new policy and in September, once all the boats are on racks then they will put something in the Ripple letting everyone know that there are new racks available at the N. Beach. The board briefly discussed where the racks are going to go in at the N. Beach – they'll make the decision when they go down there to build them.

B. Campground Policy –At Joe G.'s request, Becky called two state parks and two private lake communities to find out what their camping seasons are and what they offer.

State Parks: White Pines State Park and Lowden State Park– Entire campground open from May 1st to October 31st with showers and water and electric hookups. Limited facilities available year round with freeze proof yard hydrants and pit toilets.

Private Lake Communities: Lake Holiday – all facilities available for private use May through November with bathrooms and showers; Apple Canyon – all facilities available for private use April through October with a shower house and electric and water hook-ups. Both communities close the campground for the winter.

Joe G. is in favor of creating a season for the RCD's campground, modeling it after the lake communities. Joe O. recommended that they have the season available May 1st through October 31st with a port-a-potty and running water available. Herb said that, being a winter sportsman, he prefers it to be open year round, however, he will go with whatever the board says. Dan Nicolini asked if the hydrant down at the campground is tested for bacteria and Joe G. said probably not. Joe O. said that it is part of the water system. Joe G. said that Dan had a good point because if the RCD is offering potable water it should be tested. Joe G. said that the safe thing to do would probably be to put a sign there saying that it is to be used only for washing and rinsing – not drinking. Joe G. asked Becky to call the state park and ask them what they do about their hydrants. Joe O. motioned that the official season camping season be May 1st through October 31st. Bill seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-04-06]

Joe G. asked Becky to ensure that anyone renting the campground is aware that persons under the age of 18 may only camp overnight if an adult accompanies them. He also asked Joe O. to have the new campground policy put in the newsletter and the Ripple.

X. Guests/Public Opinion

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

XI. Adjourn for Executive Session – Herb motioned to adjourn the July 1st meeting at 9:07PM. Bill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-04-07]

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