

**Ericson Lake Corporation Regular Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, March 18, 2023 9:30 am**

**Meeting called to Order by President Joe Wadas**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Mission Statement**

**Roll Call**

Present: Joe Wadas, Tom Haase, Ashley Kaiser, Delmer Pelster, Paul Claus, Norm Mieth, Cyndi Schure

Absent: Amy Gizinski, Kevin Hlavac, Mike Knake, Roger Helgoth

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the last meeting were emailed out. Paul made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed, Second by Norm. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report: Amy emailed the information below.**

Bank Balances as of 3/15/23

- Main Account - \$30,666.86
  - There are some funds in this account that will be allocated to other funds when I do the reconcile on the dues submittal sheets sent in with checks, that have other donations marked
  - I have also sent the check for fireworks payments, the membership fees to Loup river RC&D, Wheeler county, Burrell chamber and Loup River Scenic Byway
  - I have a bill for Ulrich Gravel that I will send out when I get back (\$1,999.57)
- Money Market (Dam Fund) - \$18,213.42
- Online Account (camping payments, Aplos payments & amazon smile) - \$6,945.72
- Event Committee Account - \$11,167.09
- Total Account Balances - \$66,862.29

Money Raised for Dam:

\$14,092 - sent to InControl for downpayment

\$18,213.42 - dam fund currently in money market

\$3,395.16 - dam fund currently in online payments account

\$35,700.58 - total amount raised

Fireworks Fund:

\$444.05 - fireworks fund in online payments account

\$740.46 - fireworks fund in main account

The last payment to the events committee for repayment of the loan two years ago was February 1<sup>st</sup>.

There are currently 58 paid members

Amy also completed some PCI compliance training for cardpoint, the credit card payment vendor for campspot.

Paul made a motion to approve the treasurers report submitted, second by Norm. Motion carried.

### **List of Events for 2023**

#### Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cornhole Tournament & Family Fun Day

#### Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>

Pancake Feed

Annual ELC Meeting

Annual Bake & Craft Sale

Silent Auction

Golf Cart Parade

#### Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Paddle Poker Run

Splash Into Summer Raffle Winners Drawn

Food Trucks on Lake Front

Fireworks at Dark

#### Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Husker Tail Gate Party

#### Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Duck Races

#### TBD in September

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Derby

#### Friday & Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trail of Lights

White rock at the dam is working good. We need gravel at the campsites this year.

Tom suggested hauling in clay first to build a base and also that the drainage at the dam campsite needs redirected.

Motion by Paul to get a load of mud rock for the river campground from Jeffries Sand & Gravel, second by Jerry. Motion Carried.

Motion by Joe to get a load of clay to build the dam campsite turnaround back up & gravel for dam campsite, second by Jerry. Motion Carried.

Spring Cleanup is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Items on the list are Repair roof of the well shed at the River Campsite, Trim Low Hanging Tree Branches by Norton's & Armstrong's, Clean Up Around the Carousel, Clean Out Firepits, Clean Outhouses & get ready for summer use, Move Christmas Stuff to the Christmas Building next to ELC Building and organize it, Fix Crack between control room and dam, Replace Tree Guard Cable, Take Trees out at Dam. If any kids are available that would like to help string milk jugs on string to store until needed.

Old playground equipment for sale. Joe will repost on Facebook. Swing set with slide, Merry Go Round and Basketball hoop are separate lots. Bids must be submitted to Joe by next Friday (March 25<sup>th</sup>) and removed by April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Dam Controls – Ron Johnson took gate controls in to be worked on for gate #5, that was taken off last month. The place called and this one is going to be a little more to fix due to a broken gear inside.

Disc Golf – Norm hasn't had a change to talk to Vanosdall's anymore about this project. He will visit with them possibly after the meeting if they are here.

Road Update: Norm gave an update on the status of the road right of way. 63 owners have signed which is 60.3% of all lots and 53% of all owners. Norm is working on a property who's estate is finally getting settled and they will be signing. Another 7 will be coming in the mail within the next couple weeks.

Per motion from our last meeting we will be voting on vacating the untraveled roads in which the abutting property owners have signed their quit claim deeds for the traveled roads on a quarterly basis. Some will have restrictions pertaining to not being able to obstruct draining or be built on. We currently 5 untraveled streets are ready to be voted on to vacate those roads to the abutting property owners.

Norm presented paperwork with the following motions:

#1 motion to formally vacate Van Sickle Street North of Francke Ave. as platted in the Original Plat Map of Ericson Lake co. recorded with the Wheeler County Register of Deeds on May 26, 1916 at 3:00 PM in Book M of Deeds, Page 387 and execute a corporate quit claim deed transferring the title of the appropriate ½ of Van Sickle Street to the owners of the abutting property owners (Gompert's & Hlavac's)

#2 motion to formally vacate the West ½ of Van Sickle Street South of Pothast Road as platted in the Original Plate Map of Ericson Lake Co. recorded with the Wheeler County Register of Deeds on May 26, 1916 at 3:00 PM in the Book M of Deeds Page 387, as such road abuts Lots 148 & 151 of Ericson Lake, Wheeler County, Nebraska and execute a Corporate quit claim deed transferring title of the West ½ of Van Sickle Street to abutting property owner (Armstrong)

#3 motion to formally vacate the East ½ of Van Sickle Street South of Pothast Road as platted in the Original Plate Map of Ericson Lake Co. recorded with the Wheeler County Register of Deeds on May 26, 1916 at 3:00 PM in the Book M of Deeds Page 387, as such road abuts the South 60 ft. of Lot 165 and all of Lot 166 of Ericson Lake, Wheeler County, Nebraska and execute a Corporate quitclaim deed transferring title of the East ½ of Van Sickle Street to abutting property owner (Christensen)

#4 motion to formally vacate Fowler Street South of Francke Avenue as platted in the Original Plate Map of Ericson Lake Co. recorded with the Wheeler County Register of Deeds on May 26, 1916 at 3:00 PM in the Book M of Deeds Page 387, as such road abuts Lots 69 & 70 of Ericson Lake, Wheeler County, Nebraska and execute a Corporate quitclaim deed transferring title of the appropriate ½ of Fowler Street to the abutting property owners (Levander & Rolf)

#5 motion to formally vacate Flower Street North of Francke Avenue as platted in the Original Plate Map of Ericson Lake Co. recorded with the Wheeler County Register of Deeds on May 26, 1916 at 3:00 PM in

the Book M of Deeds Page 387 and execute a Corporate quitclaim deed transferring title of the appropriate ½ of Fowler Street to the abutting property owners (Luscom's & Schmit's)

Paul Made a motion to formally relinquish or rights in these untraveled roads to the abutting property owners & for Norm to execute the corporate quit claim deeds to the abutting property owners. Ashley Second. Motion carried unanimously.

Lodging Page on Website – Ashley is looking to update the lodging page on the new website to include cabin rentals in the area. Last meeting it was discussed 100/year & 250 for 3-years or 250/year, Ashley would reach out to a couple local cabin rental owners and see what they thought on pricing. Both said they would not spend \$250 to advertise online because they are booked without having to advertise but would be interested in \$100/year and try it for a year. Tom made a motion to go ahead and proceed with sending out a letter & form to local rentals & updating lodging page on website, second by Paul. Motion carried. Ashley sent out a letter with form to fill out and return with payment. We have received a couple back. Will work on updating the site in the next few weeks, waiting some additional forms to be returned.

### **New Business**

Roger is working on a grant with the Environmental Trust

Treasurer: We are still looking for somebody to take over as treasurer this year.

Aplos: Amy has been using Aplos software to manage accounting and donations. The cost is about \$1,600 / year. This is something that Amy has donated the cost for in the past since being treasurer, with her stepping down this year do we want to keep this. Ashley is in favor of keeping the software, as it is used for online event registrations, raffle ticket sales etc. Tom questioned if it is something that is beneficial to the lake board or just the events committee. It is also used to collect dues payments & dock fees online as well as online donations for general fund, dam repairs, playground equipment and fireworks as well as reporting for accounting and taxes. Decided to keep things as is for now and will revisit before it comes due.

Repairs to Carousel: Chris Levander is going to look at the carousel to see what it will take to fix the roof & shore up and get us a quote. It was discussed if Dam Computer goal is reached with donations, that is something the events committee would be willing to donate funds to fixing up.

Carousel Rental – The carousel is rented the first weekend in June for a wedding. Discussed making it known that the carousel is available for rent on days weekends it is not being used for ELC activities for a free will donation. Requested to have Cyndi make a reserved sign to put up the week it will be rented.

Loup Valley Public Power has requested that we contact them to put up and take down our Christmas lights that go on the power poles to insure there is no damage done. We need to give them advanced notice when we want them put up and taken down.

Joe ordered some bearings & spacers for the dam gate openers to have on hand.

Joe called to get a quote on what it would cost to have the gears in replaced on the dam gates since that has not been done in quite some time to be proactive instead of waiting until they go out. A place in Pleasanton made them last time they since they are an odd left hand double thread.

Motion by Joe to adjourn, second by Norm.

**There will be no meeting in April due to Cleanup Day.**

**Next Meeting will be May 20, 2023**

**Respectfully submitted by  
Ashley Kaiser, Secretary**