

**Ericson Lake Corporation Regular Board Meeting
Saturday, September 19, 2021 9:30 am**

Meeting called to Order by President Joe Wadas

Pledge of Allegiance

Mission Statement

Roll Call

Present: Joe Wadas, Tom Haase, Amy Gizinski, Ashley Kaiser, Jerry Schoenenberger, Norm Mieth,
Paul Claus Jr., Cyndi Schure, Roger Helgoth, Nick Merriman, Kevin Hlavac

Absent: Mike Knake

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the last meeting are posted on the lake's website and a copy available to read at meeting. Tom made a motion to accept the minutes as posted, Second by Norm, Motion Carried.

Treasurers Report:

General Fund..... \$25,187.29

Events Committee.....\$11,373.05

PayPal camping.....\$7,422.22

Extra Account.....\$2,318.89

Amy is working on setting up a more detailed expense reports in Aplos, having breakdowns for Dam, Endowment, Fireworks, Playground and Events Committee

Projected Expenses through the end of the year are roughly \$12,695. This includes trash, electric, phone, bobcat rental and insurance payments

Loup Valley fixed the light down at the dam and put in an LED light. Received a bill for \$806

Paul made a motion to pay bills that come due through the end of the year, second by Nick. Motion carried.

We received \$3,163 from the endowment. That went towards the dam repair bill.

We are working on getting paperwork submitted to the NRD for the dam repairs to receive a percentage back.

Right now there are 92 paid members

Farm & Ranch Raffle. Winner will be drawn on Oct. 15th. Sapp Brothers in Elgin donated a nice package of grease, oil, DEF fluid, etc. It is their request that the proceeds from the raffle this year go towards the fireworks. Contact a board member for tickets for you can purchase online on Aplos.

Dock Spaces – Right now all dock spaces are accounted for. There is a spot between the boat ram and Kula's to put in one more dock space.

Amy requested a flag or marker to number the dock spaces to make tracking easier. Going to look into an easy way to make a marker.

Joe would like to compile a list of everybody that has donated any extra throughout the year to the lake in anyway including fireworks, events committee sponsorships etc. Would like a thank you to go out at the end of the year newsletter.

Motion made by Ashley to approve the treasures report, second by Tom. Motion carried.

Events Committee

We had Duck Races and Husker Tailgate party on Labor Day Weekend. Both were a big success.

Duck Races brought in \$2,010 in ticket sales. We sold out of ducks a couple weeks before the event. Had several more people wanting to buy ducks. Going to look into buying some more ducks over the winter. Will watch the prices.

Husker Tailgate Party was under the carousel with food, drinks, golf ball slam. Had numerous people show up to watch the game. We had just over \$1,100 in free will donations. We will plan on having again next year.

Discussed the Farm and Ranch Raffle again.

Ashley & Cyndi are going to get together this fall/winter to come up with ideas for next year.

Old Business

Invasive weeds, Kevin Hlavac has some in the waterway by his cabin that he is not able to kill.

Playground Equipment – Mary Henn donated \$100 towards the playground equipment fund. Sara Fish is working on a grant. Game & Parks commission has extended the deadline for it.

Ice Eater – Tom had recently donated a ice eater for the dam to keep water open around the gates this winter. Currently working on making a bracket for it.

Camping – Amy is checking into some options for software to handle the camping reservations since that is taking up a lot of Joe's office staffs time. Campsites.com looks to be a good option, there is a \$2 admin fee that can be passed onto the person making the reservation. The payment side has a \$20 / month fee and charges 2-3% fee. Amy is going to send out a demo email for us all to look at closer.

Recreational Roads Paving Project – Roger presented additional information for the recreation roads project to look at paving the road from the Sale Barn to the dam. This is a project through the DOT. Ericson and the Country would have to be on board and be responsible for their portions of the road project. The lake's portion is not feasible to do from Entrance B to the Dam through this project due to right of way width. Roger will discuss with the county and town to see if we can come up with a phased approach. We need to submit a letter expressing our interest in the project but is not a commitment. By doing so and having a phased approach plan ready if funds are available we could be moved ahead of others. Tom made a motion to proceed with showing support, not making a commitment, Second by Paul. Motion carried.

New Business

A person has volunteered to pour cement pads under the picnic tables at the campsites if we buy the concrete. Would be on his own time, not all at once. Discussed seeing if anybody would be interested in sponsoring a table for a fee and have their names stamped into the concrete. Also we would be able to install anchors to anchor the tables to so none of them end up moved or thrown in the river again.

Clean up day will be October 16th. Will be coming up with a list of jobs.

Dam repair – Joe has a new sensor for the dam and will get that installed.

Next Thursday several irrigation districts have a meeting and they want to come to the lake and look at the dam to see how it is controlled.

The SCADA monitoring system that controls the dam is obsolete. We need to look at getting a new system. Going to check with Ed Knott's company Applied Connective.

Trees need to be piled up at the tree dump. Anybody dumping trees at the dump needs to keep them with the pile and not block the roadway or path to the trail.

The River is hitting the berm in an area that is washing out the rip rap and down to the geo fabric. During the clean up day we will need to dump some concrete in that area.

Motion by Ashley to adjourn meeting, Second by Tom. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be at 9:30 am on October 16th followed by annual fall cleanup.

**Respectfully submitted by
Ashley Kaiser, Secretary**