

**Ericson Lake Corporation Regular Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, February 25, 2023 9:30 am**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Mission Statement**

**Roll Call**

Present: Joe Wadas, Amy Gizinski, Ashley Kaiser, Jerry Schoenenberger, Cyndi Schure, Delmer Pelster,  
Paul Claus Jr., Norm Meith

Absent: Tom Haase, Kevin Hlavac, Mike Knake, Roger Helgoth

Others Present: John Schure

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

**Treasurers Report:**

General Fund ----- \$29,121.10

Money Market ----- \$11,765.71

Online Act. ----- \$5,183.61

Events Comm. ----- \$11,102.0

\$5,000 donation for the dam fund. Will have approx. \$33,000 with that.

Currently 48 paid dues members

We still have \$4,073 at Croker Law to be used for the work on the road legal fees and quit claim deeds.

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

**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

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

Reviewed New website. Will check into adding another button for camping reservations. On phone the button is under the heading dropdown.

Looking at updating the lodging tab on the website and advertise local cabins rentals in the area. Discussed \$100 / Year or \$250 3-Years or \$250 / Year or \$500 for 3-years. Ashley will reach out to some rental cabin owners and get their feed back on fair cost.

Board will look over the bylaws on the new website if there are any changes or correction that need to be made to them.

Campsite reservations online are working good.

Sales Tax reporting we need to decide how we report to the state, we can do monthly, semi-annual or annual. After discussion annually would be the easiest for our bookkeeping.

Playground Equipment: New Playground Equipment has been delivered, currently at the ELC building. This spring the playground committee will line up some volunteers to assemble & install the new equipment.

The bidding for the old playground equipment has been extended to March 18<sup>th</sup>

**Old Business:**

Group Mailboxes: We are still looking at the possibly getting a cluster mail box to go near the ELC building. Will discuss more later on.

Dam Controls: Tom bought a new bubbler for the dam. We are looking at August for the new computer system to be here they are having trouble getting a chip for it.

Tree pile was burned in January with help from the Ericson Fire Department. Delmer will bring his payload over when he has a chance and push up some of the remaining stumps.

Disc Golf: It was discussed last year about the possibility of getting a disc golf course on the back side of the lake. There is a property owner at the lake who specializes in disc golf equipment and would be willing to donate the equipment. Norm will follow up them next time he sees them.

Road Update / Right of Ways: Norm gave an update of the status of the quit claim deeds for the road right of way. As of now 63 property owners have signed (51% of owners / 58% of lots); 35 owners have them but haven't gotten them brought back yet. 24 owners he has not had contact with or have issues such as being part of an estate not settled yet. 1 property owner refuses to sign and 4 have indicated they are unlikely to sign.

For the quit claim deeds that are signed that and the real estate transfer statement needs to be filed at the courthouse. Joe would need to sign them all unless authority is given to Norm or somebody else to sign them. Amy made a motion to give Norm Mieth legal authorization to sign the real estate transfer statements, second by Ashley. Motion carried.

Norm brought up that motion needs to be made on formally vacating the untraveled roads that abut properties where people have signed their quit claim deed for the traveled roads. Discussed that we need to them on a quarterly or semi-annual basis so the records are not scattered throughout numerous meeting minutes.

Amy made a motion to vote on them the last meeting of each quarter and execute them the following month, second by Delmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Phone company called again about the status of roads they have several people inquiring about internet and plan to pull fiber optic down the road once we have common ownership, they will not proceed until then.

Discussion on the need for a community development committee to plan for and budget for long term projects around the lake.

Dam Repairs: Gate #1 has been fixed, will get it installed after the meeting. Gate #5 is causing issues. Ron Johnson will take #5 to Council Bluffs to get fixed, approx. \$2,000.

Paul made a motion to fix another gate after we get #5 back so we have a backup so we don't run into issues with the gates when it is icy. Gate #3 would be the next one in line needing fixed.

### **New Business**

Roger is working on a grant with the Environmental Trust

Treasurer: We have been looking for somebody to take over as Treasurer when Amy steps down. It was discussed that Paul become treasurer and Amy stay on as bookkeeper to handle reporting and Paul be able to write checks and pay bills. Will discuss further at the next meeting. Joe will stop in at the bank to see what is needed to add him back on the account.

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.

Joe ordered white rock for the dam area, the residents living south of the dam were having trouble getting through. Per Paul we will need more for the camp spots this spring.

Jerry Dean wanted to know what the cost was for the mud rock last spring to open that road to his place so he can pay for his half of it. It was \$3,947.81.

Joe is working on a T-shirt design that promotes the Wheeler County attractions such as Pitzer Ranch, Ericson Lake, Pible Lake, Bronze Statues and Stone House instead of just the lake.

It was discussed about getting the lake added to the Nebraska Passport now they can have their passport digitally stamped by uploading a photo instead of needing to have a person here to stamp it.

Motion by Paul to adjourn, second by Joe.

**Next meeting will be March 19, 2023**

**Respectfully submitted by  
Ashley Kaiser, Secretary**