

Johnson Lake Development, Inc.

MEETING- July 15, 2025

EMS Building- 7pm

President Doug Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL: Attendance roster showed 2 of 3 officers present and 14 of 34 directors present, representing 13 of the 22 associations.

MINUTES: An error in the minutes from June 2025, removing Bonnie Hahn will be made. A motion to approve the June 2025 minutes was made by Jane Kirby and seconded by Mike Maloley. Voting Aye: all.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion to approve the financial report was made by Jane Kirby, seconded by Mike Exstrom. Voting Aye: all.

NEW BUSINESS: Bo Berry, Lexington Fire Chief, Mike McGuire, assistant Fire Chief, and Dusty Clouse, Elwood Fire Chief spoke to the group about fire protection at Johnson Lake. Bo Berry said after a fire call is placed from Dawson County, fire departments from Lexington, Elwood and Cozad are dispatched. The response time to the lake from Lexington is 18 to 20 minutes. Bridge safety is a big concern, as the inlet bridge is not safe to cross with their equipment. The outlet bridge is the only access to the entire lake community. Each fire department has a floating pump for water access from the lake. These pumps quickly run out of fuel, but Bo felt they now have this resolved, but access to the fire continues to be a problem. The Lexington fire department regularly carries out truck maintenance, which includes testing the pumps used in the lake.

He stated zoning is an issue, as houses are very close to each other, allowing a fire to spread quickly. Area fire department's proximity to the lake is the biggest factor in fighting fires. He asked when the fire departments do need to come to the lake for a fire, to make sure each area moves cars and people away from the fire at least 6 houses in each direction to allow room for their equipment and room to work.

The Lexington Fire Department is working on a plan to identify agricultural wells around the lake which may be used for fire protection. This plan will take 2-3 months to establish, with implementation by the first of the year. They are looking into working with area farmers to add a connection to the wells to allow their tankers to fill from the wells. He did say they would need cement around the well head to allow truck access.

Tom Downey, with Downey Drilling spoke about drilling wells around the lake for fire protection, but said he would not suggest doing so, as the cost to do so would be prohibitive. He agreed with Bo Berry, suggesting the use of area agricultural wells would be the best plan.

Downey has identified four area farmer's wells that would work well for fire protection, saying we would need to have a contract with each farmer to use their well for fire protection.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CNPPID: NO REPORT.

FIREWORKS: There was supposed to be a "surprise" at the end of this year's fireworks show, which was a hologram, but it failed to work.

HIKE & BIKE TRAIL: **NOTE:** The time for registration and start for the annual Gazebo Hop on Saturday July 19 has been changed to 8am and start at 8:30am at Restless Waters Event Center.

ROADS: Minimum maintenance was done on the gravel roads the week before July 4th.

Mowing: Everyone agreed, the mowers have done a great job thus far this year. **Grass Dump:** Please remind those in your areas to keep grass and leaves separate from sticks and branches. Summer grass dump hours: April 1 thru September 30 7am-8pm.

Public Input: Jean Edeal noted if anyone needs a second trash receptacle for extra trash during the summer season, Dan's Sanitation would provide one for \$10 per month, per trash receptacle.

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ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Jane Kirby, seconded by Monty Vonasek. Voting aye: All. Meeting adjourned.

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Next meeting is August 19, 2025, at 7pm at the EMS Building.

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Submitted by Kathy Larson, Secretary