

Johnson Lake Development, Inc.

MEETING- October 15, 2024

EMS Building- 7pm

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

ROLL CALL: Attendance roster showed 3 officers present and 16 of 34 directors present, representing 13 of the 22 associations.

MINUTES: June Oliphant noted a correction in the September 17, 2024 minutes. In Old Business: a portion of the notes were left out about the fire hydrants. A motion to approve the September 17, 2024, minutes with this correction was made by Jane Kirby and seconded by Ross Woodside. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT: A motion to approve the September financial report was made by Jane Kirby and seconded by Mike Exstrom. Voting AYE, all.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Fireworks:** The Fireworks will be held July 5th, 2025, with a July 6 rain date. **Hike & Bike Trail:** Arlin Edeal reported one bench has been ordered for the trail, and 2 trees have been planted. 4 trees have been purchased to be planted in the spring. The Hike & Bike Trail continues to take donations. Talk to a committee member to purchase a tree. **ROADS:** No report. **Mowing:** No report. **Grass Dump:** New Fall/Winter Hours: October 1 thru March 31- 8am-6pm. Spring/Summer Hours: April 1 thru September 30- 7am-8pm.

DONATIONS: Annual donations given by JLDI were discussed. \$900 is budgeted for donations in 2025. \$300 to EMS; \$300 Fireworks; Elwood Fire Dept.- \$100; Lexington Fire Dept.- \$100; Carp Removal- \$100. It was brought up we might also consider a donation to the Cozad & Eustis Fire Departments. A motion was made by Monty Vonasek to reduce the fireworks donation to \$200 and give \$50 to the Cozad Fire Department and \$50 to the Eustis Fire Department, seconded by Ross Woodside. Voting Aye: All.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Pollinator Garden – Mary Bergstrom has a pollinator garden on the west side of the lake, and has requested to place an educational sign by her garden plot. The sign has been approved by CNPPID, and needs approval by JLDI. A motion to approve the sign was made by Ross Woodside and seconded by Jane Kirby. Voting Aye, ALL.

2025 BUDGET: June Oliphant noted a typo in the 2025 Budget under Expense: Boat Ramp Real Estate Taxes- 2024 & 2025 amounts are transposed. 2024 should be \$500 and 2025 should be \$50. Mike Moran made a motion to approve the 2025 budget with this correction made, seconded by Jane Kirby. Voting Aye: All.

ELECTION OF 2025 JLDI OFFICERS: All officers are up for election: President, Vice President and Secretary. Jane Kirby nominated Doug Thompson to remain president, seconded by Brian Freeborn. Voting Aye- All. Ross Woodside nominated Ryan Pickel for vice president, seconded by Mike Exstrom. Voting Aye- All. Monty Vonasek nominated Kathy Larson to continue as secretary, seconded by Dan Clark. Voting aye- all.

CNPPD REPORT: Luke Ritz with CNPPID explained the Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District has announced a hydrocycling period will begin on October 17 at the Johnson No. 2 Hydroplant and will run to November 10. During this period, Johnson Lake's level typically fluctuates up to two feet as operations are adjusted to minimize the chance of significant flow changes in the Platte Rivers. Hydrocycling takes place each spring and fall as required by an agreement with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services. Within this hydrocycling period will be two hydroplant outages that will also affect the water level at Johnson Lake. Beginning on Oct. 22, the elevation will be approximately 2,613 ft, which is five feet below normal. Elevation will start to come back on Oct. 28 and should return to normal on Nov. 2. A second, smaller outage is set for Nov. 2-4 with elevation of Johnson Lake lowered to 2,615 ft and will come back up on Nov. 8. A larger drawdown of the lake is planned for some time in December with about a nine-foot drawdown that would last between 4-6 weeks. While the lake is down, cabin-owners who may wish to perform shoreline maintenance are reminded to contact both Central and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to obtain any necessary permits prior to initiating such projects. Luke said work will be done to finish the new jetty south of Medo's. The boat ramp near Captain's Quarters will be closed and removed. Mid Nebraska Docks & Lifts will be the new lessee on the northside of the outlet.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by June Oliphant and seconded by Jane Kirby to adjourn the meeting. All voted AYE. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is April 15, 2025 at 7pm at the EMS Building.

Kathy Larson, JLDI Secretary