

## MARINA COMMITTEE MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** May 14, 2020 at 3:32 p.m. DeWitt County Building

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jay Wickenhauser – chair, Camille Redman, Terry Ferguson and Dan Matthews. Travis Houser present via teleconference. Also present, Dee Rentmeister, County Administrator. Joe Caldwell, marina operator, present via teleconference.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

### SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

- Ferguson obtained a bid from Nelson's Excavating to grate and rock the east parking lot for \$750.00. Motion by Ferguson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matthews to accept the bid from Nelson's Excavating for repairs to parking lot in the amount of \$750.00. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Committee discussed the following items with Joe:
  - Update on the breakwater repairs. Joe indicated that due to COVID-19 the repair work has not been started. He will cut the section off of the north section with weather permits and get it off to one side.
  - The replacement of the transient dock has been completed.
  - Some of the concrete has been removed from the gas dock. Joe is willing to remove the old Styrofoam and put wood down where there was concrete. Motion by Matthews, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ferguson to purchase wood to replace concrete at a cost not to exceed \$1000.00. Voice vote, motion carried.
  - Discussion on collecting ramp fees. Ensure collecting ramp fees April 1 to October 31 and will revisit the fees in October.
  - Dryland storage – the county hasn't received any payment this year. Joe indicated that he has only collected one dryland storage rent this year. Feels that this down due to COVID-19 and the ramp closure in March and April. He also stated that more people are taking advantage of the second sticker for another boat and trailer.
  - Discussion on gas prices. Last year \$5.15 per gallon was charged. Wickenhauser indicated that he had contacted Springfield and they are charging \$4.49/gallon, East Peoria is charging \$3.89/gallon and Shelbyville is charging \$2.29/gallon. Joe indicated that he is buying from FS and is not gauging anyone. Dan Markwell indicated that Joe can set the price of gasoline. Joe is willing to continue to sale gas and keep the prices down. Matthews indicated that he was out at the marina today and the gas price was \$3.79/gallon.
  - Operation hours. Contract states marina is to be open to public all months. Joe is open 8-8 Memorial Day to Labor Day. He stated that he does post hours when he can.
  - Discussion on using Barefoot Cove Marina on website instead of Barefoot Cove at Clinton Lake Marina. Contract states using Clinton Lake Marina. Can put link on clintonlakemarinail.com to go to Joe's website.
  - Price for transient rent on Barefoot Cove Marina website is wrong – should be \$35 instead of \$40. Joe indicated that he will change it back to \$35.
  - Power washing and sealing of docks. Joe stated that this was done last fall.
  - Has started spraying weeds along shoreline and parking lot.
  - Reiterated to Joe that the parking lot lights need to be on at night.
  - Dumpsters need to be unlocked and available.
  - There will be no extensions on the liquor license renewal.
  - Discussion on food being sold at the marina. Joe stated that he would be selling the same as last year, i.e. candy bars, ice cream, potato chips, slim jims, peanuts, popcorn, coffee, soda and beer. County would also like to see hotdogs, pizzas and other hot sandwiches. Joe said he would like to be serving hot sandwiches as more people come out. Joe stated that he would pay the county back the money that was given to him to build a cooking shed since he wouldn't be building it this year.
  - Joe stated that a contract is being worked on to hire a mechanic and thought he would have it

- completed by Memorial Day.
- Joe's attorney will draft a consent to allow for the Wi-Fi tower lease.
  - Motion by Redman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matthews to adjourn at 4:48 p.m. Voice vote, motion carried

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

Accept the bid from Nelson's Excavating for repairs to parking lot in the amount of \$750.00.  
Purchase wood to replace concrete at a cost not to exceed \$1000.00.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD:** None

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** June 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.