

**The Richland County Fish & Game Protective Association Inc.  
MEMBER MEETING  
Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

Called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Joe Tucker, President.

Ron Robinson lead the pledge of allegiance and Hank Webb said an opening prayer to get the meeting started.

1. Joe then asked Ron to take roll call.

**Joe Tucker, President - Present**

**Mike Hoffman, Vice-President - Present**

**Cory Clark, Treasurer - Present**

**Ron Robinson, Secretary - Present**

**Misti Clark, Membership Secretary - Present**

**Matt Carey, Board Member - Present**

**Steve Chambers, Board Member - Present**

**Dan Kardasz, Board Member - Present**

**Jan Koon, Board Member - Present**

**Tim Maust, Board Member - Present**

**Hank Webb, Board Member - Present**

**Jeff Williams, Board Member – Present**

There were also 28 members present at this meeting.

2. Ron Robinson read the February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Board meeting minutes. There were no corrections or additions requested. A motion to accept was made by James Tucker and a second was made by Dick Spayde. All were in favor, and none were opposed, motion passed.
3. Cory Clark read the treasurer's report for February 2024:

There was a lot of conversation about options for the Mechanics CD. Many members gave examples of notes they had or are familiar with. Some of the issues with a national type of account is access and we need to have more than one name on the account. Several options and

banking organizations were discussed. After much discussion Dick Spayde made a motion to take the CD from Mechanics and move it to Firelands CU like the other one which would give the organization a guaranteed 4.5% return for 12 months and we can put three officers' names on it.

This motion was seconded by Robert Corkrin. Joe Tucker asked if all were in favor, and all were in favor, and none opposed. Motion passed. Cory will go get a bank check tomorrow from Mechanics and move to Firelands CU.

It was then asked if there would be any more discussion on Treasurer's report. None were noted. Ron Muth made a motion to accept the report and James Tucker seconded it. All were in favor, and none opposed. Motion passed.

4. Misti Clark then gave the membership secretary report. She stated there were 31 letters mailed to prospective new members. 18 of those have responded and paid dues. These new members have until March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to pay dues and orientation will be March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We also drew 20 extra names so if new members do not get dues turned in by the 15<sup>th</sup>, we can then move forward to those as needed.
5. Joe then moved on to committee reports:

Archery – Dan Kardasz, nothing to report.

Building/Grounds – Steve Chambers, weed eaters, chain saws and other miscellaneous equipment have all been serviced and ready for use. He has also had the Gravely zero turn mower serviced and even though it has a lot of hours on it it is in good working order. Ready for workday on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Farm - Mike Hoffman, very wet. Weather needs to dry out to get things started.

Lake - Jeff Williams, also wet. Need to get overflow on upper lake fixed. Need to secure the fencing around it. Will get done soon.

There was a question from Dave Merle about how many fish will be purchased. Joe responded this will be decided at the board meeting and will depend on budget and cost, but we are sure it will be very close to that of previous years. There was another question about tracking of what is being caught. This is being tracked but very hard with how people are signing in and out. We are going to highlight sign in and out procedures when we review standing orders.

**Pheasants – Tim Maust.** There was a lot of discussion about birds. We are committed to purchasing 3,000 birds this year it is a 50/50 mix of hens and roosters. This is costing us \$40,418.00.

Delivery days are tentatively set for 10/15, 11/11, 11/26, and 12/19. The deliveries can be easily adjusted if needed. There was a question about what birds members are expected to release. It was agreed it is up to each member when you get your 2 birds to release you get what you want or what is available in the pen.

**Rifle/Pistol Ranges – Hank Webb,** also very soggy. Looking to rework backstops and use old tires that are at Owens property. A plan will be approved at the board meeting and work will begin.

There was a question from Randy Swihart about extending the rifle range out to 200 yards. The response was yes, it is part of a plan but backstops need to be increased first. May not be this year but is part of long term plan.

**Sporting Clays – Cory Clark,** nothing to report.

**Sportsmanship – Ron Robinson,** Joe and Ron drove the Can Am and walked the whole grounds this past Monday looking for tree stands and blinds. There were three found. Two members were given a week to get them down and the third was taken down because it was not properly identified. It is a climber stand and will be up for sale if not claimed by the time the corn roast comes around.

**Trap – Matt Carey,** nothing to report.

## **6. Old Business**

**A. Purchase of John Deere 6420 Tractor with Cab & Boom Mower** was made. You walked by it on your way into the meeting tonight. It is very nice. Joe used to cut back down the driveway and back as a test and it performed great. As soon as it dries up enough to not bury it up, we will start using around fields. The final price paid was \$38,500.00. A big thanks to Joe Tucker, James Tucker, and Mike Hoffman for making the early drive to go get it on one of the worst travel days of the winter.

**B. Joe Tucker** explained the increase in membership from 300 to 310 and the thoughts and conversation that was had at the board meeting. The main thing is with going up by 10 it wont impact us a lot but we will keep our eye on things and measure before any more increases. It also adds a little more income to the club as well.

## 7. New Business

- A. **Workday and New Member Orientation will be on Saturday, March 30, 2024 – 8:00 a.m.** If it is inclement weather, we will still have orientation. We have a lot of work to do so we will try our best to have workday, but we will consider the weather. In March you still don't know what we will be dealing with.
- B. **Review of summer projects.** Joe read the summer projects identified at the board meeting. The pressing one is the demolishing of the church. With Ohio squatters laws we really need to act on this before we have an issue. He and Mike Hoffman are getting quotes to take building down. We thought we could just dig hole and bury after knocking down but zoning will not permit. Mike Stanton asked about fire training and burning. Matt Carey spoke to that since he is a prior fire chief and stated it is a block building and we would still have a lot of expense in getting it ready to burn. All shingles and hazardous would have to be removed. Very costly.

After the Church demolition the next priority will be the driveway culvert.

- C. **Suggestions for Revised Standing Rules.** Joe stated per our constitution the board must review and update the standing rules in the month of March. Anyone with unput please provide it to a board member prior to the board meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.  
**NOTE\*\*** There was discussion earlier about tracking fish and game taken during the year. We would like everyone to please be more legible and accurate when signing in and out. Please complete each column on the sheet legibly. Most are self-explanatory. We will expand on this in revision of standing rules too.
- D. **Joe then asked for any other new business.**  
Someone asked about food plots. Joe stated they must be revisited because of CRP requirements. Yes, we plan on some but not definite yet. We do have some round up ready corn and soybeans we plan on using. We will also be looking at where to place them. A question was asked about putting in power line rows. This would not be good is they need access to those the ground would be tore up and the plots destroyed. There were no further questions.

**Joe stated that if nothing else Elwood, although not feeling well tonight he stayed home but he did provide donuts so help yourself.**

- 8. Disk Spayde made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Ron Muthe. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.**