

Personal Profile of Bob McNeely

Bob and Peggy McNeely have wintered at Outdoor Resorts of Orlando (ORO) since 2004. We purchased Unit 938 in 2005, and replaced the older unit with a new HUD unit in 2008. Peggy and I reside in Waverly, Illinois.

Employment History:

U.S. Air Force 1969 – 1973

Allis Chalmers construction equipment manufacturing 1974 – 1976

Illinois Department of Agriculture 1976 – 1978

Illinois State Police 1978 – 2002

Professional Work Experience:

I began my career in Information Technology in 1976 as a computer operator with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. In 1978, I transferred to the Illinois State Police (ISP) and assumed the position of mainframe computer programmer. As my technical and managerial skills expanded, so did my level of responsibility, with promotions to first line supervisor, Section Manager, Assistant I.T. Manager, and Chief Technology Officer for the Illinois State Police. In that role, I was responsible for the implementation of new technological solutions for the ISP, directing the work of System and Business Analysts, Computer Programmers, System Software Specialists, and other computer related workers to ensure all computer services were available 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. Additionally, we were required to provide secure network access for all law enforcement and criminal justice agencies (i.e. state, county, and municipal police) within the state of Illinois; ensuring the accuracy and security of all criminal justice data; ensuring all software licensing laws were adhered to; managed crisis situations involving complex hardware and software problems; mentored and trained new support staff; developed competitive price contract proposals for hardware and software purchases, and other goods and services required to meet the operational mission of the ISP.

ORO Endeavors

In March, 2019, I was elected to the ORO Board of Directors. During that period, board president, Larry Doel, established the Sewer Task Force and charged them with identifying problems with the current system and making recommendations to resolve them. The following five years were busy, but allowed us to collect critical information on the sewer, fixing sewer breaks, track the location and flow of the sewer, smoke the sewer lines, scope many lines, and monitor sewer discharge flows, and other issues. We have made significant progress in identifying our sewer challenges and have established a plan to resolve the massive water intrusion issues we are facing. ORO has initiated a contract with CPH Engineering, of Sandford, Fl., for the purpose of performing a comprehensive engineering study of our current sewer piping system and our sewer processing capabilities, and provide us with alternative approaches to resolve our problems. We should have their recommendations mid-summer of this year.

With the knowledge I've gained on the sewer project, the Board of Directors, and the managerial and leadership skills developed during my business career, I feel confident that my expertise will assist the next board in meeting the expectations the owners entrust them with. My help and support of ORO can stand on its own. I have been actively involved in several areas of our operation, and plan to remain active for many years in the future. Your support will be greatly appreciated.