



**Lost Nation New Landing RCD Meeting
October 09, 2007 7:00PM**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Marty called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

Board Members Present

Marty Portner – President
Herb Hill – Secretary

Dan Dummett – Vice President
Betty Lou Finn – Member at Large

Board Members Absent

Tina Trevino – Treasurer

II. Motion to Approve the Agenda – Betty Lou motioned to approve the agenda and Herb seconded the motion. [10-07-01]

III. Motion to Approve the September 11, 2007 Minutes – Dan motioned to approve the September 11, 2007 minutes and Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-07-02]

VI. Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report – The RCD received their fourth installment of tax money from the county in the amount of \$49,221.24 at the end of September. At the end of last month, they had about \$77,000 in the checking and about \$50,000 in the money market account. Becky said that she would talk to Tina about meeting with a business account advisor at the bank to discuss putting some of the money into a higher interest money market, like the board had talked about doing last spring. Marty agreed and asked the audience in general if they had any suggestions on investing the money in a higher interest bearing account while still keeping it liquid. The breakdown of the loan amount of \$446091.66 that they paid off in July was \$1,831.31 of interest and \$44,260.35 of principal. Allied Waste only charged the RCD for seven cans since they didn't have a can down at Park Drive Park until the very end of September. The RCD paid out the end of third quarter state unemployment and federal income taxes last month and they also received the annual report card from the comptroller's office. They paid out \$3,388 to Gollon for stocking 880 small mouth bass, 880 walleye, and 88 muskie Herb motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Dan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-07-03]

VII. Old Business

A. Motion to Relocate Lost Nation Bus Shelter to Oak Park Lane

Marty read off the memo of usage related to the bus shelter (see attachment 1) Betty Lou motioned to allow the Lost Nation Bus Shelter to be moved to Oak Park Lane as outlined in the memo of usage that Marty read off. Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-07-04]

VIII. New Business

A. LCC Beautification Committee Inside Update – At Herb's request, Cyndi Cantrell chose some paint colors for the vestibule and vestibule bathrooms. She chose blue colors to accent the fact that they are on a lake. Nadine Portner said

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that they would like to expand on the idea a little bit by painting the entire inside of the community center with the same blues and enhancing the sitting area by incorporating a lake lodge theme. Cyndi said that they would like to update the entertainment center by moving it to the corner, adding bookshelves on the side, putting in an electric firebox underneath the TV, adding doors to hide the TV when it isn't in use, and accenting it in knotty pine with a ½ log mantle, to match the beams. This project would benefit the RCD in the following ways: free design, free professional contracting services, free labor and delivery of materials, volunteers to paint the center, the creation of a lodge atmosphere, and the potential of increasing rentals due to the improved look. Cyndi suggested that they could ask the local residents if they would like to contribute some of their artwork, in keeping with the lodge theme, to the center for display. Marty added that if they heavily advertised throughout the community, they could rotate the work throughout the year. Cyndi was concerned with the liability of people renting out their artwork to the RCD if the art work should get damaged. Marty said that if people want to display their work, he would like to see as much artwork as possible. Maureen Bronkema said that they would have to have the artist sign something not holding the RCD responsible if the artwork should get damaged. Jerry said that he agreed with Marty that it would be better to rotate the artwork, he added that if they only display certain people's works of art they could open themselves up to favoritism. Nadine said that they had planned on opening up the offer to display artwork from everyone in the community. Jerry said that it wouldn't be fair to others if someone donates their artwork and it remains for an indefinite amount of time. Cyndi said that to allow someone to donate their artwork would be the same as someone volunteering to do concrete work or to plant a bush. Marty asked the beautification committee to come up with the terms to describe what kind of artwork that they are looking to display (in keeping with the lake lodge look that they are trying to create) and that it be done on a rotating basis, assuming that they get a lot of submissions. Nadine said that for now they will keep the artwork part out of their plans for now and revisit it at a later date to present to the board. Dan asked the beautification committee to clarify what they want to do. Nadine reiterated what Cyndi stated regarding the redesign of the TV cabinet and the sitting area. (They would be moving the cabinet to the corner that is to the left of the library door). Dan asked for more information on the fireplace and Cyndi said that there would be no open flame, it would be contained behind glass and that it just plugs in. Herb said that they would have to change the outlet to a GFI outlet. They estimate the material cost for redecorating to be around \$900, not including the cost of the paint. Jerry wondered if there was a way to measure how much more usage the building would get due to the upgrade and Marty said he didn't know how they could do that unless they passed out questionnaires to everyone. Herb was concerned with the darkness of the blue that they chose that it would make the room appear claustrophobic – Nadine said that she knows what he means, however, she feels that there are enough windows in the center that it would be hard for that to happen, rather, it will make the room appear warmer. Herb asked them to get a spec sheet on the fireplace so that they know if they will need a higher amp service, etc. Becky asked about incorporating all of the windows in their plan with the window treatments and Cyndi said that they had discussed it and felt that due to the cost of materials and not wanting to do too much at once, they decided to hold off on doing all of the windows, however, that doesn't mean they can't do it in the future if this turns out

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well. Herb will be the RCD board member that the beautification committee will need to go through to implement their vision. They will not make any big purchases or modifications to the plan until they consult with Herb first. Betty Lou motioned to appropriate up to \$900 for materials used by the beautification committee to redecorate the inside of the LCC and Dan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-07-05] Marty thanked the beautification committee on behalf of the RCD, said that they truly appreciate what they are doing for the center and that they are happy to give them the money.

B. Maureen Bronkema – Motion Lights at the LCC – Maureen said that they need some motion lights aimed at the parking lot because people are having a hard time seeing to get to their cars now that it is getting darker. Herb agreed that they need parking lot lights. Jerry said that it would be an economical stop gap measure (to put motion detectors on the existing lights) to have until they get adequate lighting. Herb said that the lights that they have up now do not adequately light up the parking lot – they would need to put something that would do the job. Marty said that he wanted to have adequate lighting put in as soon as possible - Herb has been assigned the task of putting it in.

C. North Beach Tree Planting – In the past, the RCD has had trees that have been donated to them as memorials and Marty would like to see a policy in place regarding the planting of donated plant materials – and if it was to be planted anywhere near the lake, he would like the LMC to have input on it as well. Herb said that they should also make sure that it doesn't impede the RCD mowers either.

D. Lost Lake Unification – The RCD is a property owner in both the NLPOA and the LNPOA and the New Landing POA sent the RCD a ballot to vote on the unification proposition. Marty asked the RCD attorney and he said that as long as the RCD is a member in good standing there is nothing to prevent them from taking a stand on this issue. Dan said that they should exercise their civic duty and vote. Herb asked if it was illegal for the RCD to vote and Marty said no. Marty added that he has followed this issue closely and doesn't see anything in the proposition that is in conflict with the RCD's charter and he would vote in favor of unification. Joe Gargano felt that it was inappropriate and unethical for the RCD to engage in something political like the unification vote, regardless of how they vote. He added that the RCD is a segregated governmental body that shouldn't engage in political activities. Joe didn't think that the RCD paid dues to either POA. Marty said that the New Landing POA sees the RCD as a dues paying member in good standing, expecting them to participate in their process and so the RCD is not going to say no. Marty disagrees with Joe that it is a political proposition. He doesn't see it as a political issue like voting for president or a congressman, rather, it is a proposition put forth by a not-for-profit organization, of which the RCD is a stakeholder. Marilyn Mancini asked if the RCD pays dues and Marty said yes. Joe compared the RCD to a park district, which is segregated from a city council, like in Dixon. Herb said that the RCD is not isolated from the other governing entities here, they've worked with the POA's and the township in the past, like when they shared cost on the construction of a guardrail by the township building. Betty Lou motioned to mark

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the ballot in favor of unification and Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-07-06]

D. Motion to Approve Dock Improvement Requests – Dan said that the RCD sent out 10 letters to shoreline property owners, informing them that their docks need to be repaired or removed and they have received 6 responses back from those. The Kregers repaired their dock and submitted a dock request form to the RCD. It still needs to be inspected and Marty asked Jerry, with the LMC to get involved with it. The front pilings were removed and replaced by 4" X 4" posts. Dan motioned to approve the Kreger Dock Improvement Request, subject to inspection by an LMC and/or RCD board member and Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-07-07] The LNPOA removed the dock that was on their property by Lakeside Drive. Marty would like to do follow up calls with the individuals that did not respond to the letters that were sent out (Metoyer, Orland, Petersen, Lammers). Jerry said that the Orlands and the Petersens took their docks out of the water.

VIII. Employee and Committee Reports -

A. **LMC** – The IDNR came down and surveyed the lake's fish population. They should get the report in January of next year. The lake was stocked with fish by Gollon with some help from LMC volunteers. The wheel was put onto the gate at the Flagg Road Silt Basin. Geese are starting to flock around the lake's shores at intolerable levels to lake property owners. The swimming buoys have been pulled. Goose fencing has been put up at both the North and West Beaches. Jerry recommended that the North Beach boat ramp ought to be looked at because people are having a difficult time launching their boats down there. The silt basin will be dredged out in November or December and the silt that is pulled out will be made available to RCD property owners. VLMP volunteers are still taking water samples. Marty would like to showcase some of the volunteer efforts that have taken place.

Becky said that the office would only be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a temporary basis while she deals with family issues. Herb asked Becky to order a tetherball for the playground.

IX. Motion to Adjourn – Dan motioned to adjourn the October 09, 2007 meeting at 8:33PM and Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-07-08]

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