



# LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

## September 9, 2008

## Time: 7:00PM

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Marty called the meeting to order at 7:01PM**

**Board Members Present**

Marty Portner	-	President	Steve Larry	-	Vice President
Herb Hill	-	Secretary	Betty Lou Finn	-	Member at Large
Glenn Baldwin	-	Member at Large (arrived late)			

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Motion to Approve Agenda** - Steve motioned to approve the agenda and Herb seconded the motion. Betty Lou requested the addition of item B. Volunteer Wear under New Business. Steve withdrew his original motion and Betty Lou motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of item B. Volunteer Wear under New Business and Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-08-01]

**IV. Motion to Approve the 8/12/2008 Minutes** – Betty Lou motioned to approve the August 12, 2008 minutes and Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-08-02]

**V. Review and Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report** – Olson Ecological for July- \$935; JadEco for July- \$1,270.14; Charles G. Moore, Jr. for tree removal - \$150 and \$75; 3<sup>rd</sup> installment of taxes - \$7,563.27. Herb asked how much their next installment is expected to be and Becky said that have gotten approximately \$88,500 so far and that they should get about \$60,000 in October (the remainder of the \$148,890 expected from the county). Herb said that the trees that were removed at Timber Trail and North Beach (for \$75 and 150, respectively) were ones that he had said last fall that he would remove at no cost to the RCD. Marty asked Herb if he had made that well-known and Herb said that he had discussed it with Jerry. Steve said that Jerry brought it to his attention that the trees needed to be taken down; he didn't know that Herb was planning on taking them down himself and since no one was moving on it, he got it done. Marty asked what Mr. Moore did with the trees and Steve said that Mr. Moore took the big pieces of wood for himself and took the brush to the burn pile. Herb said that before they do anything that is going to cost us money, we should probably consult with other board members to make sure that other arrangements haven't been made. Steve said that looking forward, they have divided up the areas of responsibility with Glenn being in charge of grounds and he has to be free to make the calls on things that need to be done on those areas. Betty Lou motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote. [09-08-03]

**VI. Employee / Committee / Consultant Reports**

**A. Jerry Sellers – LMC/Aquatic Management Update –**

**Jerry - ILM Silt Basin Survey** – Jerry is communicating with ILM to find out when they are going to come out to reassess the Flag Road Silt Basin and has requested that they have a report to the RCD by the end of October. He feels that because of the rain that took place this year they may find quite a bit of silt in there, which he recommends get cleaned out this year (around November or December).

**Don Finn – Dredging** – Last month, Don passed out a dredging report to all the board members and asked them to review them for this meeting. Marty asked Don if he needed any help with researching past dredging and Don said that he didn't need any help at this time. The next step that is going to take is to give the board an estimate of how much a future dredging project will cost. Steve asked Don if the dredged material is hauled away immediately or if it is stacked first (to dewater) and Jerry said that at the silt basin they haul it up onto the shore and allow it to dewater before it is hauled away. During a full-fledged dredging project, where they are hauling

thousands of cubic yards of silt, there is usually not enough room to let it dewater so they haul it away wet. Steve asked if there would be a lot of water on the roads and Don said yes, there will be a lot of silt and water on the roads that will need to be cleaned up. Marty said that the RCD spent a lot of money on a depth survey of the lake and asked if he would be proposing that they get another depth survey done after the dredging is complete. Don said that he doesn't think that it would be necessary to do that right away because they already have the data that the lake fills in at 10,000 cubic yards a year based on their pulling 50,000 cubic yards of silt out in 2003 and there is another 50,000 cubic yards filled back in. Don said that dredging has never been done at the North Beach so it sorely needs it, which will add an additional cost to the project. They will have to be careful with any plants that they put in at Schings Park because it fills in very fast. Glenn said he remembered the hydraulic dredge that they had used in the past and wondered what method of dredging would be used in the future. Don Finn said that the purchase of the hydraulic dredge turned into a disaster and it was sold off at a loss. The reason it didn't work is because there was no place to put the spoils and there was no place on the shoreline that they could put it to let it dewater and haul away. It was also very expensive – a mechanical dredging plan will cost an estimate of \$170,000 while hydraulic dredging would cost three times that amount. The mechanical dredging would be accomplished using a dragline backhoe (bucket is on a cable). The silt is then brought to the 23 acre site. Jerry said that he would like the board to explore whether they could lease a 60' dragline and pay prevailing wages to an operator on an as-needed basis. (This is the same thing that they did when they owned the hydraulic dredge). Marty will contact the attorney (or give Jerry permission to do it) to find out any legal issues in doing this. Glenn suggested that it would be a good idea to write an article for the newsletter about their plan for dredging and how often it has to be done. Herb wants to put a moratorium on putting anymore structure in the lake until they know what the structure that they have in there is doing to the lake. He knows that they need some type of structure in the lake but he also feels that as they improve the water quality of the lake they will get plants to use as a nursery for the fish.

**Possible Schings Park Silt Basin** - Steve asked when the Flagg Road silt basin was put in and whether it has helped and Jerry said that it was put in between 1980-1985 and that there has been three separate reports done on it Willett Hoffman, Dredging Specialists, and one from ILM that indicate that the lake fills up with approximately 10,050 yards of sediment a year – if they didn't have a basin the figure might jump up to 12,000 or 15,000 – he doesn't know, although they clean out about 2,200 cubic yards from there every year or so and that's 2,200 cubic yards that doesn't end up in the lake. Steve said that he feels that one of the RCD's priorities to working toward managing the lake is putting in a silt basin on Babbling Brook. One option that he would like board to think about would be to use Schings Park as a silt basin, ensuring that it remains a park-like setting that could still be used. Marty said that he was impressed by the fact that both the NRCS and Olson Ecological suggested that Schings Park would be an ideal location for a silt basin so he is going to lean toward being in favor of it since it was suggested by some pretty knowledgeable people. Marty added that the RCD's statutes and charter allows them to divert any stream in their jurisdiction so he doesn't think that they would have a legal problem with doing it. Marty asked if they could use grant money to build the silt basin and Steve said that talking to Rebecca includes those things and his feeling is that although they can't totally count on grant money they could use it to offset the costs if it became available. The possible funding sources are the 319 grants, both monies "left over" from this funding year and a future grant. The NRCS does not have funds available, but Steve hopes they will provide their services, like engineering. He feels that creating a silt basin there is a high priority because it would answer the question of what the RCD is doing and it would be one of the biggest impacts on the lake besides shoreline stabilization. Betty Lou asked if they made Schings Park a silt basin, would it mean that they wouldn't have to dredge the lake as often and Steve said that slowing the amount of silt that comes in at the two inlets could possibly mean that they would dredge less often and that the dredging would be more localized to those areas. Jerry said that in 2003 Schings Park was dredged down to 7-8 feet in depth and since then, the ILM report suggests that the depth is nowhere near that now. So if it were cleaned out every few years, it would preclude all the material that builds up and comes into the lake and because of the amount of property there, room for dewatering and moving the material would be a lot easier than other areas of the lake. Marty asked Steve if he had an idea of the cost of such a project and Steve said that if he got concurrence from the board, he would start looking at estimates of what it would take. He would possibly look to help from Jerry Sellers and Glenn Baldwin to help in this. He asked Jerry if it would have to be engineered and Jerry said yes, as was the silt basin on Clear Creek, especially since they want to do something that will be an attractive alternative to what is there now. Marty

asked if the NRCS offered any help in the process and Steve said that the NRCS wants to get involved – Steve sent a letter to the Ogle County Soil and Water District asking for their support, once we get that then Steve and Rebecca will meet again and Steve will ask if the NRCS can supply some engineering services to help with the basin. In the past, Jerry has tried to enlist their help and it didn't happen because other things took precedence for the NRCS at that time. Herb thinks that the project is a good one and agrees that dredging is a part of the lake management process and they are on the right track, however, he doesn't want to see any money waste and they cannot forget about the rest of the facilities including the LCC, the campgrounds, and the fishing docks. He added that as far as the Lake Court Center, it would be inconsciabale not to have lighting and a decent parking lot because the building gets a tremendous amount of use. Betty Lou asked where Steve would like to take the money from to pay for the putting a silt basin on Schings Park and Steve said from Silt and Bank Erosion control, future shoreline improvements, and to divert funds from the parking lot project. Glenn said that since it doesn't cost anything other than their time for them to look into a future silt basin project that he felt that he and Steve should proceed with looking into it and Marty agreed.

**Frank Durkin** – Frank and Gerry Skyles purchased and planted 10 waterlilly plants from a nursery in Wisconsin to monitor their growth in the lake, however, the area turtles probably ate all of the plants within 3-5 days. He is now looking into obtaining plants that won't be attractive to the local wildlife. Steve said that he had read that one way to filter the nutrients coming into the lake was to have water plants in the incoming streams. There is an area of Babbling Brook that is POA property and he asked Frank if he would ask the nursery what plants (like cattails) that they could plant to filter the water and Frank said that he was definitely going in that direction.

**Joe Olliges** – Joe spoke with the DNR – initially the only public body of water that they were going to shock was the Rock River, but since we are close by and they are having a kids fishing program in October in which they need fish, Joe worked out a deal with them that they could have as many fish as they need for their program in exchange for them coming out on September 30 to shock the lake. Marty asked what would happen if they didn't shock the lake and Joe said that they wouldn't have the DNR's report that tells them how the fish that we have are progressing in size, which the RCD uses to determine what types and how much fish to stock each year. After the shocking, Gollon will be out to stock the lake. Marty thanked Joe for working out that deal with the DNR.

**Aquatic Management (Joe Rush)** – Joe Rush obtained Pizzo Bids to stabilize the Old East Beach (\$8,550.66) and Schings Park (\$13,456) shorelines each of which includes a maintenance program (annual cost of \$13-14,000 or \$39,000 for a 3-year program). Jerry said that because they are considering turning Schings Park into a silt basin, the Pizzo quote for Schings Park is now a moot point; however he would like the board to consider the Old East Beach bid and some portion of the maintenance program. If they did proceed, they would have to approve the money for September or wait until the spring, but first they would have to get some questions answered - #1 – Are the plants guaranteed (will Pizzo come back and replant)? #2 – If the lake is lowered for dredging, what effect will that have on the plants (how long can they survive without the water)? #3 – What is the maintenance program for the east beach *only*? Steve asked how far the Old East Beach extends and Jerry said about 400 feet. Steve recalled that the riprap that covered about 440' at the North Beach cost about \$4,000 and so was thinking that they might be able to stabilize the area at the Old East Beach with riprap for under \$5,000, which would allow more permanency and no ongoing maintenance. Steve received a call from the POA – they are willing to follow the RCD's lead with regard to stabilizing the shoreline and if it is riprap the RCD would just need to let them know which spot is a priority because they have money in the budget to do it this year. Jerry said that where the boat racks are they may not want to riprap that because right now people can take their boat off of the rack and push it through the weeds into the water; In terms of the old beach area, it is the same type of grade of shoreline as at the North Beach (you can walk right into the water) so it would probably be a similar cost. The POA properties, however, have a significant drop off on both the Lakeside Park area and the Oak Lane lots 10 and 11 (*Steve is still determining whether the POA lots on Oak Lane need stabilizing*) - it is worse at lakeside park than Oak Lane and so Jerry thinks that Joe Rush may recommend that the Lakeside area is a higher priority – Joe Rush also mentioned that because the POA properties are on the input of Clear Creek, they are going to have to be more heavily armored. Marty said that their goal is to have examples of shoreline stabilization methods in place to showcase for the property owners and he wondered if they could do a combination of rip-rap and plantings at the Old East Beach and if they did plantings, would they come as plants so that people could see the results right away? Betty Lou asked whether the wildlife would bother the plants. Jerry

said that the plants usually come as plugs so you would see them right away and said that if Pizzo were to guarantee the plants they wouldn't have to worry about them getting eaten. Becky asked how the plantings in front of the lake court center (installed by Vickie Webber) turned out and Jerry said that Judie Leonard (who is a master gardener) noted what plants survived. Because there was an underlayment on the shoreline, the plants won't be able to reseed themselves. Jerry recommended that if they do something at Old East Beach that they do it in the spring. Tom Wendling said that he spoke to Joe Rush about stabilizing the POA shorelines and that they have money in the budget (about \$5,000) this year to riprap their property but he cannot guarantee that they will have the money next year. He is looking for some guidance as to what the cost will be per lineal foot to riprap the POA areas - the area at Lakeside Park is about 375' of lakeshore and lots 10 and 11 are about 125'. Steve said that because their property is so steep they would have to have their property pulled back before it was riprapped to keep the rock from falling into the lake and he suggested that Jeff Lewis would be a good source for a quote as he did a good job for the RCD at the North Beach.

**Phosphorus Policy** – Joe had written a phosphorus policy and Jerry wondered what the RCD wanted to do with it. Steve wants to set that aside for now - he has written an article for the Watershed as a first step – he said that Joe did a good job on that and Steve wants to give it a little more study and he looks to implement it in the spring.

**Lake Survey Status** – Marty asked Jerry what the status was on Joe's recommendations for stabilization of the lakeshore properties. Jerry said that Joe mentioned getting an engineering firm's opinion on stabilization recommendations, namely Wendler Engineering, and Jerry said that there was a difference of opinion between him and Joe that has to be resolved.

**B. Steve Larry – Grant Program Update** – Steve met twice with the NRCS and has written a letter to the Ogle County Soil and Water District asking for their support and the support of the NRCS. Steve said that the grant process will be a slow one because of what is occurring in the state legislature, however, the planning process for getting people involved in the watershed is on track. Rebecca is working on a grant from the NRCS and the NRCS will also support "equipment costs" for example – if landowners wanted to put up fencing, there is money available through the NRCS to pay for the fencing. Marty said that the timeline has since changed and cited the example that, according to the new timeline, the first grant that they can apply for is in May.

## VII. New Business

**A. Steve** - Approval of Lewis Pools Invoice Amounts of \$845 & \$1,130 – When they had the work done at the North Beach, they inadvertently left out reseeding of the property and so Steve hired Jeff to do that. There was also some North Beach dock repairs that needed to be done that Steve had Jeff do. Steve motioned to approve the payment of \$845 to Lewis Pools for work at the North Beach and \$1,130 for repair of the North Beach Dock and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-08-04]

**B. Betty Lou – Volunteer Wear** – Betty Lou obtained three bids for volunteer t-shirts and has asked the board to review the bids and let her know which shirts they would prefer. She will also be setting up a volunteer sign-up booth at the pancake breakfast. Marty recommended that Betty Lou talk to Maureen Bronkema about getting volunteers. Tabled till next month.

## VIII. Old Business

**A. Steve - Dock Owner Identification** – Steve designed preliminary Dock Identification Resolution (see attachment 1). Marty will create the wording for the final resolution to be presented at the October meeting. Steve motioned to approve the dock identification resolution, to be created by Marty; Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-08-05]

**B. Survey Results Status** – 285 Total (238 Non-Lake/Channel Front Property Owners, 47 Lake/Channel Front Property Owners) Frank Durkin, Ray Lundeen, and Bill Wurtz are reviewing the comment section of the survey and Becky is putting the final tabulation into a spreadsheet format.

**C. Herb – Parking Lot Lighting Bids** – Herb has a quote from Wendling to draw up bid specifications for the expansion of the LCC parking lot and lighting for \$3,500. Glenn asked what the bid specifications involved and Marty said that they were for the lighting and expansion and resurfacing of the parking lot involving the grassy

area to include a portion of the volleyball area. Glenn asked if the lighting and expansion of the parking lot had been approved and Marty said that the lighting had been approved but not the parking lot. Glenn was not in favor of spending the money on the bid specs on a job that has not been pre-approved. Herb said that they need a bid specification so that they know what they are doing and so that contractors can all bid equally on the job. Glenn said that it sounds like there are other things that need to be done that involve the lake that may take precedence over the parking lot. Marty said that they are debating what is most important versus what is necessary, for example, getting the grant funding to get a handle on the silt and nutrients coming into the lakes is very important and necessary to the vitality of the lake and to avoid it becoming a swamp. Herb said that the lighting of the parking lot is a safety issue and is very important. Marty asked if they could satisfy the safety aspect of putting the lighting in without expanding the parking lot. Glenn suggested that the \$3,500 could be used toward lighting – he is not necessarily in favor of expanding the parking lot to include the playground and Herb said that the expansion would only involve taking away part of the sand volleyball court. Marty agrees with Herb that parking lot lighting needs to be addressed. They've already spent about \$3,000 on the plans for the parking lot and Wendler still has those plans – they can be implemented at any time. Herb feels that the building gets a lot of use and Steve said that the lake is the focal point and he feels that money should be spent on the lake rather than the parking lot right now. Glenn motioned to use the \$3,500 toward lighting the parking lot rather than toward the specifications for a parking lot since spending has not been approved for a parking lot. Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with Steve, Glenn and Betty Lou in favor of the motion and Herb and Marty not in favor of the motion. [09-08-06] Glenn and Herb will get together on what lighting was planned and Glenn will talk to some of his contacts about it.

**D. Herb – Campground Access Road** – Herb spoke to Ken Oltmanns about grading the campground access road and he will follow up and see if it has been completed. Tabled until the October meeting

#### **IX. Guest Comments**

**Tom Wendling** – He has gotten many complaints about lighting at the LCC and agrees that something should be done, however, he doesn't feel that it needs to cost \$30,000-40,000 – perhaps some volunteer labor would defray costs. He also suggested that the RCD could put chip and seal down on the campground access road, coinciding with when the POA does their roads to save money, although then they would need to put in a ditch to handle the water runoff. Herb agrees that volunteer labor would help defray the cost of putting in the lighting; however, he feels that they should get an engineer specification so that they do the job right.

**Joe Olliges** – He agrees that if they are going to go use a contractor to do the lighting that there should be an engineer involved. Perhaps they could have the bid specs done in stages, starting with the lighting, so that it can get done.

**Mike Robinson** – There was a sign at N. Beach that was removed and needs to be put back. Ropes and buoys need to be removed.

**X. Motion to Adjourn Meeting** – Betty Lou motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:29PM and Steve seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. [09-08-07] **Next Meeting: October 14, 2008**

#### **September 9 Motion List**

1. Steve motioned to approve the agenda and Herb seconded the motion. Betty Lou requested the addition of item B. Volunteer Wear under New Business. Steve withdrew his original motion and Betty Lou motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of item B. Volunteer Wear under New Business and Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-08-01]

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4. Steve motioned to approve the payment of \$845 to Lewis Pools for work at the North Beach and \$1,130 for repair of the North Beach Dock and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-08-04]
5. Steve motioned to approve the dock identification resolution, to be created by Marty; Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-08-05]
6. Glenn motioned to use the \$3,500 toward lighting the parking lot rather than toward the specifications for a parking lot since spending has not been approved for a parking lot. Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with Steve, Glenn and Betty Lou in favor of the motion and Herb and Marty not in favor of the motion. [09-08-06]
7. Betty Lou motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 and Steve seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. [09-08-07]

**Lost Nation-New Landing RCD****Dock Identification Regulations****(date of regulation adoption)**

**Purpose:** All docks constructed on Lost Lake are required to meet minimum standards for safety, environmental and esthetic purposes. In addition they must be maintained to these standards. The RCD is charged with insuring all dock owners comply with these regulations of record and as a result, need a means of identifying owners of docks should the need arise to contact them.

**Regulation Requirements:** All docks must contain identification numbers and be registered with the RCD office. These numbers will be supplied free of charge by the RCD at the time of registration and must be affixed to docks within 5 days of completion of initial construction. For those docks already constructed at the time of adoption of these regulations, registration and the affixing of numbers must be completed within 10 days of the posting of these regulations in the United Lost Lake newsletter.

Numbers are to be affixed to the lower left hand corner of the dock facing the lake as shown below (if possible\*):

**(diagram showing placement)**

\*as an alternative, numbers may be affixed to posts on the left hand side of the dock as long as they face the lake. This will be left to the dock owner's discretion.

**None Compliance:** Owners failing to comply with these regulations after receiving a letter of non-compliance from the RCD will be required to remove their dock within 10 days of such notice. Should the dock not be removed or registered with ID number affixed within that time period, the RCD reserves the right to have the dock removed at the owner's expense.