



## LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

### June 11, 2009      Time: 7:00PM

- I. **Call to order** – Steve called the meeting to order at 6:58PM
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Motion to Approve the Agenda** – Marty motioned to approve the Agenda and Glenn seconded the motion. Marty requested that Item VIII be moved after new Business due to a possible change in employee wages. Steve recommended that Item VIII be placed after New Business. Marty struck his first motion and motioned to approve the Agenda with item VIII. Motion to Approve Budget and Appropriation to be placed after new business. Betty Lou seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously. [06-09-01]
- IV. **Motions to Approve the 3/7/2009, 4/7/2009 5/5/2009 and 5/5/2009 Executive Minutes** – Marty motioned to approve the Minutes of the 4/7/09 Meeting and Glenn seconded the motion. The board passed the motion with Steve, Marty and Glenn approving the motion and Betty Lou and Dennis abstaining from the motion. [06-09-02] Betty Lou motioned to approve the 3/7/09 Minutes and Glenn seconded the motion. The motion passed with Betty Lou, Glenn, Marty, and Steve approving the motion while Dennis abstained from the motion. [06-09-03] Marty motioned to approve the 5/5/09 regular and Executive Session Minutes and Glenn seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously. [06-09-04]
- V. **Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report** – Marty requested Becky give a synopsis of the Treasurer's Report. Questions were answered regarding Wizards Construction and Don Bluemel. Dennis motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report and Marty seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously. [06-09-05]
- VI. **Adjourn Meeting: Public Hearing on FY2009-2010 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance** – A motion was made by Marty to adjourn to Public Hearing and Glenn seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously. [06-09-06]

Betty Lou asked about the Grant matching/watershed planning line item for \$28,500. Steve Larry stated that this was put together by him and Rebecca as reimbursement for her for the watershed planning process. \$20,000 is for grant matching, which is the percentage of a project that the RCD would pay if grant money were awarded to them and \$8,500 is for watershed planning and some of that cost might be covered by grant money, which he will discuss in his report later.

Betty Lou asked about the \$162,757.28 on page 3 and Becky said that was the total amount of money that the RCD expects to receive from all sources in the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Betty Lou asked about the annual report and audit expenses of \$500 and Becky said that is the amount that is set aside for the report submitted to the county clerk and the audit that is submitted to the comptroller each year.

Betty Lou commented that the future dredging amount in Reserve Accounts of \$5,795.53 seems low. Dennis said that on the first page there is a line item of dredging for \$25,000 and Steve added that there is another \$15,000 of the \$20,000 that is under Professional Services: Other for Engineering that they have budgeted for engineering costs associated with either a dredging plan or stabilization. Steve asked Jerry and he stated that he thinks that it is likely that the dredging would be scheduled for next fiscal year, but a lot of it has to do with what the engineering study says. Steve said that in the past they borrowed money to do that. Betty Lou said that in a past meeting, \$150,000 was stated as a cost to dredge, not including engineering costs.

Marty asked Becky if they based the shoreline stabilization rebate program on \$35 a linear foot and Becky said yes. They achieved the number by taking \$35 multiplied by 3,700 square feet divided by 2. Marty said that they have gotten some recent information on rock prices that puts the amount to stabilize the shoreline at \$40 a square foot, however he doesn't feel that they need to change the number that they have budgeted because the number was obtained bearing in mind 100% compliance and he knows that there isn't going to be 100% compliance. Even if there is 80% compliance at \$40, the amount necessary to budget would be less than what they have budgeted now. The board agreed to keep the amount the same.

Mike Robinson asked about Grant matching/watershed planning and whether it has anything to do with the grant writing itself. Steve and Marty said no.

Mike - Pop Machine – Does the pop machine pay for itself? - Becky said yes.

Mike – Mike asked about the Land and building supplies - \$4,000, office supplies - \$2,800, pop machine supplies - \$1,200 and whether it was for projected replacement costs– Marty said that some of the money is budgeted for replacement costs on some equipment but it is also for their usual LCC custodial and improvement, office, and pop machine supply costs.

Mike - Office Lease - \$1,440 – what they project to be next year's rental if things stay as is and Steve said correct.

Mike – Grant Writing - \$12,500 – is it the balance of the contract that originally opened and Steve stated that it is the amount that is budgeted for this fiscal year. Will the RCD's obligation to Olson Ecological go beyond 2010? Steve said that they don't know yet whether they will need those services for the following budget year. Mike asked if the original contract that they had with Olson went beyond 2010 and Marty said that he recalls that the agreement was open ended and Steve said that the \$25,000 that was set aside was the potential amount that they might pay, however, she is paid based on an hourly rate for the time that she puts in. If she doesn't put in the time to get the amount that they budgeted then she doesn't get the full amount.

Mike – Garbage costs? – Becky - \$2,000 budgeted annually for garbage or \$17 a refuse can and \$10 a recycle can per month.

Mike - Water & Sewer – does the LLUD charge the RCD for water & sewer – Steve said they get charged for water usage at the LCC; Becky added that they also get charged availability fees on lots 118 and 119 in the LaCrosse Section. Joe Olliges said that they should call Susan and get that charge taken off.

Sue Hill – Security Budgeted? – Steve said \$5,760 is budgeted annually for security.

Joe Olliges asked if they changed the process for the budget hearing from last year and Marty said that they used the same template as last year. It did change last year from previous years – last year was the first time that they did it under the tutelage of the attorney.

VII. **Reconvene Meeting** - Marty motioned to adjourn the hearing and Reconvene the meeting at 7:31 and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [06-09-07]

VIII. **Director Reports**

**A. Steve Larry – Grant Writing / Watershed Management** – they are waiting to hear from the EPA for the 319 grant left over funds. They have received good news that it is rising to the top of the pile. Rebecca keeps in contact with them and has been encouraging them to bring it our way.

**Watershed Planning Committee/ Technical Advisory Committee** - On April 1<sup>st</sup>, the RCD hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> watershed planning committee (WPC) which is comprised of landowners within the 10,000 acre watershed that the RCD is a part of. That group will have a responsibility for laying out a short and long term plan for the watershed. They will reconvene on June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7-9pm. Steve will be representing the RCD on that committee. They have also formed a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to the watershed planning committee – the TAC is a group of about 14 people who have expertise in watershed planning and the technical things that go with it. For example, there is a woman on the committee who represents the entire district of the Fish and Wildlife habitat that encompasses Ogle County, which is but one county among others. Joe Rush will also be a member of that committee, as well as three members of the NRCS. The TAC met for the first time on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. They will first draw a baseline of the watershed area including the lake and the history of the dam and then they will put together the basic data and give the planning committee some direction as to where they think they should focus their planning. All this is designed to help preserve the land around us and the lake. This is the first time that the watershed community around us has come together to become a part of the planning to save the ecosystem that includes this lake. Rebecca will initially be the facilitator for both the TAC and WPC until they can operate on their own. The RCD has budgeted to pay her hourly rate while she does this.

**B. Betty Lou Finn – Volunteer Appreciation Picnic on July 25<sup>th</sup>** – Betty Lou said Lois Lytle and she will be handling getting the food; they just need someone to get the grills and the keg over to Unity Park and someone to do the grilling. Marty and Dennis said that they will help out.

**C. Glenn Baldwin – West Beach Gully, Beach Ropes, Docks, Picnic tables** - working on many projects and maintenance work. There are two projects left - the gully by the west beach, which they are going to clean it out,

he had to spray for the poison ivy that was down there first. The second project is the replacement of the ropes at the West Beach. They are also finishing up on the painting of the docks and picnic tables.

**D. Dennis Cantrell – Richard Frueh Dock/Shoreline** - Dennis looked at the Richard Frueh dock – he has no problem with what Richard wants to do, however, he does question the timing. He was under the impression that he would do his dock and then the shoreline improvement and Dennis doesn't know if it would work like that because it would involve hand work to do the shoreline improvement. Dennis thinks that if the dock was done first, a contractor who would come in to do the shoreline work is not going to include the handwork to work around the dock. If a contractor is going to do that extra work, than Dennis has no problem with Rich having the dock done first. Steve recommended that Dennis tell Rich to call Fischer to verify how the work will be done and that if it costs more to do the shoreline work after the dock then the RCD recommends that he wait to do the dock until after the shoreline work. Jerry said that it was critical to get Joe Rush's opinion on the matter and that they should ask Rich to hold up on putting his dock in until they get this resolved.

**Karen Kreger Dock Repair** – They want to get their dock repaired, but because of the weather they couldn't get to it by Memorial Day as was suggested in the Newsletter. Dennis told them that when they are ready to do the work, he can come out and take a look at it.

**E. Marty Portner – Shoreline Stabilization Rebate Program** - Marty gave a sample of the packet to each board member to review. He wants the board members to review the packet and get their opinions back to him by June 19<sup>th</sup>. Steve said that he, Marty, and Joe Rush spent time with the RCD attorney and it passes the attorney's test.

**Contractor List** - Per the attorney – he wants to ensure that the RCD puts a notice in the paper for a call to contractors that want to be put on the list of contractors that the RCD can give to shoreline owners who ask.

**Gift Certificate to WPC & TAC Members**– Marty presented a sample of a gift certificate to the next pancake breakfast that the social committee hosts that he would like to send to the WTC and TAC members, courtesy of the RCD.

#### IX. **New Business**

**A. Possible Motion to Increase Don's Compensation** – Marty motioned to increase Don's current wage by 40 cents as a reflection of a 3.9% cost of living increase and Betty Lou seconded the motion. Glenn suggested that they give Doug, Matt, and Luke Meyers the same % of increase in wages for cost of living expenses. Marty withdrew his motion and Glenn Motioned to increase Don, Doug, Matt, and Luke's wages by 3.9%, effective next pay period and Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [06-09-08]

**B. Accept Annual Financial Report and Publish it in Newspaper Within 30 Days** – Marty motioned to accept the annual financial report and publish it in the newspaper in the newspaper within 30 days and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [06-09-09]

**C. Office Relocation: Open Discussion** – Steve brought the subject of office relocation to the board for discussion because he feels that as the RCD grows, their needs to serve the community and board members grow. Right now the office is located in a private home and he feels that it would make for a more professional appearance if they didn't walk in to a private home to get their RCD needs taken care of. Becky has offered to close off the foyer area to make it more private. Right now they have no place to bring contractors other than the LCC and Steve said that they need a place that they can walk into that is private and they have a key to and to have a key to someone's private home makes Steve a little uncomfortable. In terms of insurance on the office, the RCD has blanket coverage and Becky has good coverage on her home if something should happen while someone is there on RCD business, however, there is still some responsibility and accountability that the RCD has for someone who would come to her home on RCD business and if they were to slip and break their leg or get killed on her property. The question is, who pays? Is it Becky's homeowner's insurance or is it the RCD's insurance? The RCD's insurance agent says that that would be for the courts to decide. Steve said that they are exposed to liability by having it in her home albeit; the office has been there for 8 years without incident and so the exposure is probably minimal, but it is still there. Steve contacted a member of the POA (Don Finn) who said that it might be possible for them to rent space in the old east POA office for about \$275 a month. The library at the LCC is large enough to have an office, however, even though the library doesn't get that much use, it is still used and there really isn't another space for the library. It is much more convenient for Becky to have the office in her home because she maintains her hours in the office and she has the ability to get down to the office and check her messages in her off hours and if there is something important, she responds to it. There are solutions such as telephone forwarding that could solve that if the office were moved. In the past, they have also been approached by the POA about the idea of one central office for the three entities out here. Steve doesn't know

where that stands. For the near future, he feels that they should leave things the way they are and take her up on her offer to divide off her office from the family room and issue keys to the directors so that they can access the files. In four or five years, however, he thinks that they should look for another office. If the POA is interested in doing a consolidation of offices with the LLUD and the RCD then they should see if they can be a part of that, otherwise, they should look at other options. Directors and LMC personnel should understand that they shouldn't have to meet in their homes, rather, they can meet in the library or the LCC if need be. Marty suggested that they could also ask the POA if the RCD could use their west office board room if the LCC or library is not available. It is nice acoustically, has a grease board and has internet access. Glenn suggested that they could move the office into the library and move the library out into the main meeting area. Steve said that a couple of weeks ago, he might have agreed with Glenn, however, there are more books in there than you might think, plus they are installing another full length shelf for kids' books. Dennis said that what he gets from the conversation is that they are looking more at needing another meeting area and he feels that it would be easier to adjust a portion of the main LCC room to become a meeting area than it would to convert the library into a meeting room and adjust that area to become a library. Dennis said that the LCC is more than adequate for use as a meeting place, if the library is being used. Betty Lou said that the RCD can meet at the LCC or POA office if need be and they don't want to lose Becky as office administrator and she feels that Becky would be very unhappy working away of her home because she has a young family. Betty Lou said that she thinks that it is a future thing but that they don't need it now. Nadine Portner said that as primary funder of the library, the social committee, she wondered if Steve had consulted with Maureen Bronkema on how much the library is used because she heard Steve use the number nine people a week and has been in the library when there has been much more than that. Steve said that he asked Pat Nicolini who said that she averages about 2 people a week and he asked her what about the other days that she is not here and she said she wasn't sure, but probably 6 or so. Nadine said that she is here more on the days when it is open and she has seen more people than that. Glenn said that when he owned a bookstore about 80% of the books didn't move and he didn't know if the library records would show the same. Betty Lou said that she thinks that the books move pretty quickly – there are always new books for sale and they are always adding new books (*For the sake of space, Maureen doesn't keep any books older than 10 years unless they are particularly popular*). We don't have use at the Dixon library unless we pay \$50. Sue Hill said that you can't really base your number of how much the books are checked out on the sign out logs because she is part of a group of ladies that read a book and when one is done, they pass it on to another and so on, eventually it ends up back at the library, so even though only one person is listed as checking it out, it's been read by 5-6 ladies. Mike said that as a member of the ULLPOA board he'd like to state that the figure of \$275 was never brought to the board and Steve stated that Don clarified that when he stated that it was a possibility but hadn't been discussed with the POA board and any decision would have to be brought to the board first.

**D. Dennis – Burn-Pile** – The RCD provides the burn pile to the community as a convenience. The RCD does incur an expense to manage the burn pile and there are a few people in the community who are affected by the burning brush. Dennis suggested that chipping may be an alternative to burning the brush with the chips being left for the community to use. Marty said that he has heard of cases where contractors will load up their trucks with brush from jobs that they have done in and around the area, not even within the community, and have dumped it there. Steve said that even contractors that do jobs within the community shouldn't dump the brush there – it should be for the private property owners' use only. Marty added that it is also difficult to police who dumps down there and what they are dumping. Steve suggested that they could also shut the burn pile down completely or have it open only during certain times of the year and then chip it all at once, allowing the community members to pick up chips during the week that follows. Glenn said that they have spent about \$180 so far for Schulze to keep the burn pile down. Betty Lou said that Bob Schulze is in violation of the POA covenants because he has a lot of construction equipment, mulch and gravel on his property. Marty likes the idea of it only being open certain times of the year. Jerry said that he doesn't like the idea of chipping the wood and allowing property owners to take it because if a tree gets chipped that has oak wilt on it, and someone uses the mulch around their trees, the oak wilt may spread. Burning will take care of the oak wilt. Marty said that a couple years ago they had a certified arborist out here to specifically talk about oak wilt and Marty asked him what if they have chips from an oak tree – should they worry that it might have oak wilt and he said Steve said that if chipping was an issue they could just allow usage a couple times a year and burn it only twice a year. Sue suggested that Dennis could find out if the company that they would hire would charge less to chip the wood if they got to keep it. Tabled until next meeting.

**E. Richard Frueh – Shoreline Improvement** – discussed in Dennis' report

**F. Motion to Accept Resolution 04-2009 Establishing Prevailing Wages** – Marty motioned to accept Resolution 04-2009 Establishing Prevailing Wages and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [06-09-10]

**G. Marty – 6 Month Review of Past Unreleased Executive Session Minutes: Motion to Release or Not Release the Executive Minutes for Public Inspection –**

The closed sessions that Marty reviewed either have to do with personnel or with the RCD looking into acquiring the utility and he recommends that they keep them confidential. Marty motioned to keep the unreleased executive session minutes confidential for another six months and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [06-09-11]

- X. **Motion to Accept FY2009-2010 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance and Publish it in Newspaper Within 30 Days** – Marty motioned to accept the FY2009-2010 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and publish it in a local newspaper within 30 days & Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [06-09-12]
- XI. **Old Business**
- XII. **Committee Reports**
- A. LMC Report (Jerry Sellers)**
1. **Dock Inspection** – John Mullholland and Jerry took the RCD boat out and did an entire inventory of all of the docks on the lake – they took pictures of them and recorded whether the docks had numbers on them and whether they were in good repair. Out of the 61 docks that are on the lake about 70% have numbers on them. The RCD docks have numbers on them. The ULLPOA dock at Park Side Park still needs a number. 30% of the docks need repair and letters need to go out to those owners – some ought to be completely taken out they are so bad. Steve asked Jerry what he thinks is a reasonable amount of time to give owners to fix their docks and Jerry suggested giving them until the end of July or the beginning of August.
  2. **Aquatic Plants** – they put in lilies by the north beach and they are growing, Jerry Skyles put in pickerel that is growing, and Frank put in some cattails that seem to be propagating. If the RCD does lower the lake, it may wipe some of those plants out but at least now they know that they can successfully grow these plants in the lake. Marty asked if they were going to try to grow any other types of plants in the water and Jerry said yes. Steve said that perhaps a member of the TAC committee that they have formed could give them some advice on the species of plants to grow.
  3. **Beaver Control** – K.C.'s Animal Control eliminated 1 22 lb beaver for the RCD
  4. **Silt Basin on Babbling Brook** – talk on a silt basin on babbling brook seems to be progressing very well- one of the upstream landowners may be interested in working with the RCD and the Ogle County SWCD to put one in.
  5. **Flagg Road Silt Basin** – Jerry hasn't heard anything back from the Nature Conservancy regarding doing anything on their property in terms of creating a place to hydraulically pump silt to.
- XIII. **Guest Comments – Betty Lou** – the day that they monitored the gates they had a very disgruntled resident that said that anyone in the state of Illinois can go on any public body of water and she thought that somebody from the RCD should talk to him. Marty said that the gates were monitored to prevent trespassing on the private ULLPOA roads and to make sure that people had their stickers on their boats or cars and anyone who wants to fish on the lake can't travel over the private roads to get there – perhaps they would canoe in from upstream. Mike said that access to the lake is the issue.
- XIV. **Motion to Adjourn** – Marty motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:04PM and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [06-09-13]

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