



## LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD November 3, 2009 Time: 7:00PM

### I. Call to Order – Steve called the meeting to order at 7:02PM

#### Members Present

Steve Larry -

President

Glenn Baldwin -

Vice President

Dennis Cantrell -

Member at Large

Tim Spelde -

Member at Large

#### Members Absent

Betty Lou Finn -

Secretary

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. **Motion to Approve the Agenda** – Glenn motioned to approve the agenda and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [11-09-01]

IV. **Motion to Approve the 10/13/2009 Minutes** – Glenn motioned to approve the 10/13/09 minutes and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [11-09-02]

V. **Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report** – Tim asked what the Meyers' were doing right now for the RCD and Becky said that some of the work that the Meyers were paid for last month was performed in August and September and involved mowing and cleaning up the beaches. Steve asked what the status of the mower was and Becky said that she is not sure if the mower is back or not and that she spoke to the repair technician and he said that a wire had been pinched and that they replaced the wire. Doug is also replacing a part on there when he gets it back. Tim asked about the Farley Appliance bill and Becky said that one of the refrigerators at the LCC needed more Freon. Steve asked if the port-a-potties are pulled in the winter and Becky said that they keep one at the north beach year round because they found that the enclosure was being used as a urinal when the portapotty was removed in the winter. Steve asked about the pop machine and Becky said that we pay for the supplies for the pop machine from coca cola and in return they maintain the equipment. The RCD makes the money back and provides a small income back over the amount that they spend on pop supplies. Mike Robinson asked about the bill from Midwest Testing for \$3,085 and Steve said that that was for the boring that was done on the Bettner property to determine if the soil at that site was appropriate for a silt basin. They discovered that the soil was not stable enough for that use. Glenn motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [11-09-03]

### VI. Director Reports

A. **Steve Larry – Grants/Watershed Management** – Rebecca is planning a watershed planning committee meeting with the NRCS on November 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the watershed and the creeks at both ends and getting the NRCS involved. Joe Rush was on vacation during October so there is no or little expense for Joe for that month.

B. **Glenn Baldwin – Budget Update** – Steve asked Glenn to look at the budget to see where they stood so far. The RCD income for this year was \$162,000 and they had \$125,000 carryover. They are projected to spend \$213,000 by the end of this year making their projected carryover \$73,980. Glenn said that it is a little bit disturbing because their projected carryover is about \$74,000, which means that they would go into their carryover by \$51,000. There was an unexpected expenditure of \$25,000 from the flood clean up, however, even after you account for that, they will spend \$26,000 over their normal income. Glenn, Steve, and Becky are going to get together before the December meeting and see what they can do to cut back on some of their expenses. Most of their big expenses have to do with Lake and Beach Maintenance at \$78,000, Land and Building \$33,000, Professional services, \$28,000, and Wages at \$25,000. Steve said that they will work on this and send information out to the board with the goal being that they have enough in reserve when they go out to do some major projects next fiscal year such as the dredging project and the silt retention project that they have enough in reserve to get a loan against. Each of the board members has authorization to spend money up to \$1,000 without board approval, however, before we go into any significant projects, they should gather as a board to decide whether they can or cannot wait on those items. Steve said that it is not at a critical state at this point, rather, it is at a "let's be prudent" state. Dennis asked what the overage was projected to be and Glenn said \$26,000.

Joe Olliges asked what the delta was between this year and last year and Steve said that the delta was about \$25,000 that they are projected to spend toward the shoreline stabilization rebate program. There was \$40,000 pegged for a parking lot project and they saved that money last year and used that plus another \$25,000 to budget for the stabilization rebate program. They won't spend all that this fiscal year; however, they will earmark the remainder for the stabilization rebate payouts in FY2010-2011. They are also going to get reimbursed on some of Rebecca and Joe's work related to watershed planning as well as an additional 319 grant may support some of the stabilization of the lake shoreline and Indian Creek (Babbling Brook) shoreline stabilization. Jerry Sellers said that the RCD's levy percentage is down by a dime from .75 to .65 over the last four or five years. He suggests that the although it is not a good time to do it, because everyone else is also trying to levy, that the RCD increases their levy because if you go back and look, while everything else has been increasing, the RCD has decreased their levy amount.

Mike Robinson asked how the rebate program has affected their budget and Steve said that they took \$40,000 from the carryover from last year and added another \$25,000 to make it about \$64,000-65,000 budgeted toward the rebate program. If everyone in the phase 1 and phase 2 areas take advantage of the rebate program then that will use up the budgeted amount, however, they don't expect everyone to take advantage of the program and they are going to discuss putting a limit on when they can apply for the rebate program, he suggests May 1, 2010, that everyone who wants to participate in the program have their applications turned in so that the RCD can budget for the next fiscal year. All work will need to be completed by April 30, 2011. Dennis asked if the money budgeted for the rebate program also includes the stabilization that the RCD did on their own properties and Steve said no, that is a separate line item. Glenn said that when he first came on board he was really impressed with all the plans that they are making to protect the lake but his gut feeling is that they may be backing off on a couple of things because of the financial crunch. He has read in the paper how Ogle county and Lee county are looking at ways to cut back to balance their budget. He doesn't know if that will affect the RCD or not. He thinks that they have to be very careful and spend every dollar that comes their way in a very planned and efficient way. Mike Robinson asked how many people have applied for the rebate program so far and of the \$64,000 set aside, how much has actually been requested by property owners and Steve said that two property owners have requested and received a rebate. How many other people have started the process and Becky said that there are about 14 other people between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> phase that have indicated that they would like to participate in the program by the end of FY2011. They know most of the lineal feet of the shoreline property owners that are to be a part of the program and so they will have a good idea of what they will spend this fiscal year and what to budget for next fiscal year. Steve said that there is a request in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grant request that they submitted to the EPA for help with shoreline stabilization.

- C. Dennis Cantrell** – Dennis would like to do a little work on the LCC parking lot - they need to pull the parking bumpers up, re-gravel and reset them. Dennis asked if the board wants him to pursue it now or wait until next fiscal year. Steve suggested that Dennis get a price for what he wants to do and run it by the board. The shoreline stabilization has not been performed on the POA property yet due to weather. He is working on the benches right now as well. Bill Wurtz asked about the placement of the bench and Dennis said that he will get some suggestions from people who actually use the benches on the placement of them.
- D. Tim Spelde – Security Reports** – Security had five incident reports related to the RCD for the month of October. One of them was of an individual who was deer hunting on golf course property, of which the golf course did not give them permission. There was a trespasser at the west boat landing – it was someone who came into the community to sight see. Decal issue on two unauthorized vehicles by the dam. LCC found unsecure after Halloween party. Sue Hill suggested that for rentals or fundraisers that the RCD expects a large group of people that they make arrangements for security for the event. Steve said that is not a bad idea.

**Fish Stocking** – Fish stocked and Gollon has been paid. There were 1000 walleye, 100 muskie and 900+ large-mouth bass.

**Boards on the Dam Removed** – the boards were removed Monday and the lake has come down about 10 inches. They removed one board and will see how it goes with ice flows this winter and how quickly the exposed soil dries.

**Winter Preparedness** - Floating pier by bench removed. Tim will take care of storing the motor on the RCD boat for the winter. Tim asked about the docks and whether any of the bolts need to be loosened

and Dennis said that most of the docks aren't set up like that anymore – only the dock at Parkside Park – Dennis will look at it. Glenn said that he will have Doug take the tennis nets and the wind screens down for the winter. Last month the board approved the removal of the silt that has dewatered at the Flagg Road Silt Basin. He will try to obtain other bids to remove silt at the Clear Creek Silt Basin to compare to the one he already has and he will get it done.

**VII. Old Business**

**A. Dennis - Watson Shoreline Rebate Program Variance Request** – The Watsons submitted the necessary paperwork for a variance to the rebate program. Dennis motioned to approve the variance to the Shoreline Rebate Program submitted by James and Cathy Watson based on an inspection to ensure that it is completed the way it is supposed to be done and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [11-09-04]

**VIII. Guest Comments**

**Mike Robinson** – Mike asked if the RCD knew anything about the work being performed on the property of a house on Timber Trail and whether they contacted the RCD about their landscaping. Steve said that they haven't and because the work is not being done to their shoreline they don't need to contact the RCD.

Mike asked if the RCD charged the property owner for her use of the building to hold fundraiser to raise funds for use in locating her grandchild or did the RCD donate the use of the building and Steve said it was donated. Mike said that there was a POA meeting in which the grandmother asked if she could place signs on her property and the POA offered to put signs at both gates.

**Sue Hill** – Sue said that they paid security for four hours for that night because when they saw it in the paper and on television, she was concerned that they could have had many more people than what showed up (there were about 15-20 people that showed up). In the future, she hopes that this doesn't happen and if it does, they need to have the renter pay for the security. Jerry asked who authorized the use of the building and Becky said that she asked Steve on behalf of the grandmother if the building could be used free of charge for the fundraiser and Steve agreed. Mike went into detail of the kidnapping and that the POA tried to help the family as much as they could, although he said that the circumstances were presented differently at the POA meeting than what they read in the paper and that they probably shouldn't have gotten involved. Mike said that when the RCD offered a free rental for the event, they got involved in it and Steve said that the RCD got involved out of empathy for the family just as the POA did.

**IX. Motion to Adjourn** – Tim motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [11-09-05]

**November 11 Motion List**

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