



LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

January 5, 2010 Time: 7:00PM

I. Call to Order - Steve called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Members Present:

Steve Larry – President

Glenn Baldwin – Vice President

Betty Lou Finn – Secretary

Tim Spelde – Member at Large

Members Absent:

Dennis Cantrell – Member at Large

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Motion to Approve the Agenda – Glenn motioned to approve the agenda and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [01-10-01]

IV. Motion to Approve the 12/01/2009 Minutes – Glenn motioned to approve the 12/01/09 open meeting minutes and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [01-10-02]

Tim motioned to approve the 12/01/09 executive meeting minutes and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [01-10-03]

V. Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report – Tim asked who was in charge of the JadEco charges and whether those were for the shoreline inspections and Steve said that he is in charge of those and that part of it is for the watershed plan, which will be paid for with grant money, and part of it is for the shoreline inspections. Betty Lou said that on check #4404, she only purchased 3 round tables instead of 4 because they were out of them at Sam's. In the future, if they need another round table, Betty Lou will pick one up the next time she is in Rockford. Mike Robinson asked about the dewatered silt that was hauled away for \$2,100 and whether that included cleaning out the basin and Tim said that that is only for the removal of the silt from the Flagg Road silt basin and that previously a separate charge had been paid for the dredging of the silt. Normally, the silt goes over to the 23 acre site behind the church, but Ken Oltmanns took this load to his property. Mike asked about the check paid to Schulze for \$1,500 and Steve said that they dovetailed their work at W Beach with the stabilization that Frank Durkin did on his adjacent property so that they could realize a discount due to economy of scale on the material and equipment charges. Tim motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote. [01-10-04]

VI. Director Reports

A. Steve Larry -

1. **6 Month Review of Unreleased Executive Minutes** – Steve reviewed some of the executive session minutes and had Joe Olliges, as a past RCD president, review the ones related to utility acquisition. It was Joe's recommendation to continue to keep those closed and Steve agreed with that and submitted to the board his recommendation that they not release those to the public. Betty Lou motioned to keep the unreleased executive minutes through December, 2009 closed and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-10-05] Mike Robinson asked if they can be destroyed then and Becky said that executive session minutes and recordings are required to be kept indefinitely; only the voice recordings of open meetings may be destroyed.
2. **Grant/Watershed Planning Update** – They are still waiting for word on a grant submittal of \$300,000 to the EPA for the stabilization of Indian Creek. Hopefully they will hear something by the end of next month at the latest on whether that will go through. Frank asked if Indian Creek is the new official title of Babbling Brook and Steve said that is what they are calling it since that is its official name. Betty Lou

asked how much of the \$300,000 they would actually get and Steve said that the RCD would have to match 25% of the grant money that they would receive with either money spent or in-kind services. Part of the current grant funds are paying for the expenditures that Joe, Rebecca, and Becky are billing for related to watershed planning. Becky added that with the \$88,000 grant that they already got approved for, they have already matched over \$20,000 through funds and like work of the \$22,000 that they are required to match. This means that whatever they submit to the EPA related to that grant for payment will be paid 100%. She just submitted a reimbursement request of over \$4,000 in December. The watershed planning committee is scheduled to meet again this Thursday at 7:00PM. Ed Bettner, a local property owner, has volunteered to chair the group.

B. Glenn Baldwin – Nothing to Report

C. Betty Lou Finn – Betty Lou is still getting pricing for chairs for the LCC and the plaques for the memorial benches. Steve said that Betty Lou did a fine job of obtaining sturdy tables for the LCC and he trusts that she will find some good chairs to go with them to purchase next fiscal year.

D. Dennis Cantrell – 1. Motion to Approve Rebate Payment of \$2,200 – Watson – Dennis checked on the stabilization through the construction and Steve checked with Joe Rush, who has given his approval as well. Tim motioned to approve issuing a rebate check of \$2,200 to James and Cathy Watson for shoreline stabilization and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-10-06]

2. Refrigerator for LCC – Betty Lou said that Dennis requested that the board authorize him to purchase a refrigerator for the LCC. Steve said that apparently the RCD refrigerator needs to be replaced and he was wondering how much a good fridge costs these days. Jerry Sellers said that there are two refrigerators in the kitchen and they need to make sure that the fridge that is broken is the RCD's and not the social committee's. Betty Lou will verify which fridge is broken.

E. Tim Spelde – 1. Security Reports – 1. One decal issue on N. Beach, 2. Fisherman's vehicle alarm went off, 3. Open door at the LCC, 4. Disabled garbage truck. Tim followed up on Betty Lou's question of how many homes they check in the winter and security said that they are checking about 10 homes right now.

2. Clean up of area below dam - Tim passed around a before and after picture of the dam area that he had Schulze clean out and will talk to Schulze about payment on the work that he did.

3. Stabilization of Area adjacent to POA Park – The properties that are adjacent and just south of the ULLPOA's Lakeside Park have a drainage ditch that runs through that is causing their properties to wash out and enter the lake. There is an island formed in stream at mouth of culvert drain from all of the silt that has run off. Jerry said that the lot adjacent to the Kregers and south of the POA crosses the washout. When the contractor was putting in the rock for the POA, they found the pin for the property that shows that the swale is on those properties (Pottorff and Masterson). Jerry said that that property owner should have been contacted about stabilization of his property where it is washing out. Jerry was down there with Charlie Moore and his estimate was that 38-40 tons of rock needs to be put in there. Tim suggested that they could install a culvert and backfill it with the current silt, it would alleviate having to move the silt. Steve told Tim that he should contact Joe Rush to see what he suggests that they do with it. Steve said that once they know what to do with it, then he would contact the property owner himself and let them know what the RCD recommends they do with their property. As far as the island is concerned, it was caused by the wash out going through that swale and is in the lake now, which is the RCD's responsibility. If Fischer is coming back, we could find out how much they would charge to remove that silt from the lake. Steve said that he knows that the Kreger's are going to stabilize in the spring and once they are done, it will make it even more difficult to go in after the silt, perhaps the RCD could even talk to the contractor that is doing the Kreger's shoreline and see if he can bring in equipment to remove the silt and what he would charge.

VII. Old Business

A. Proposal for Park on the Old Earthen Dam – Steve said that he wasn't at the last meeting (when this was discussed) and he wants to go on the record as saying that this was a suggested made by one of the RCD board members - he did not make it or ask for it to be made, it was made out of the blue. When the idea

was proposed to him, he talked to his wife, Claudia, and their response was that they would need to come back and let them know what they want to do and that they would be willing to take care of the expenses of deeding over the property that they would need to do this. As far as voting on doing anything, he would abstain from voting. Steve wants to make it clear to the board that they don't need a community controversy over a bunch of dirt and so the committee that has been formed (to look at the park) should understand that if there is a majority of the community out there (and he doesn't know how they would find that out) that is resistant to the idea, then they would pull the plug on it. The other thing that the committee should look at is making the area as natural as possible rather than a groomed park – because then someone would have to take care of it all the time. The only way to access the area is by boat and so they should think about that to keep it low maintenance. Mike Robinson said that at the last meeting a picture was presented to the board about a park to be put on the old earthen dam and asked if Steve is saying that he was never approached. Steve said that he was approached by Glenn and what he just said now is what he told Glenn. Glenn said that the committee consists of himself, Gerry Skyles, Dave Nelson, Frank Durkin, Tim Spelde, and Daryl Jordan. They have \$500-600 committed so that no money will have to be spent by the RCD. Betty Lou asked if part of those funds were from the tables that he purchased and Glenn said yes. Betty Lou asked if that should go into the general fund and Glenn said that Becky suggested that it be put into the general fund and not be included in the budget. Betty Lou asked if it was going to be put into the general fund and then earmarked for the park; Glenn said yes and added that if the park doesn't go through then the money would stay in the general fund. Mike asked if the park is established then it would have to be maintained – do they want to do something that is only accessible by water? Glenn said that he thinks that is what is neat about it. Robert Stocksdale said that, speaking on behalf of the fishing club, they were concerned about the security of the area, being that it is only accessible by water – they already have people going out there using the area when they shouldn't be and now to make it available to them to further activities that are currently going on such as urinating and defecating, drinking beer, underage drinking and security won't be able to reach them, plus the potential garbage that would be left there. It could be aesthetically pleasing until you get people who abuse it with no way to control it. It is already being misused, why put more stuff out there to be destroyed that would need to be cleaned up – that is the general consensus of the fishing club. Steve said that he hasn't noticed anyone misusing the property. Robert suggested that on clean up day they could have some volunteers go there and clean it up, take down some brush, make it look natural, and not call it a park. Mike asked how is security going to get out there and Jerry said by boat. Glenn said that he sees a lot of young people using the area and swimming down there – legally they are not responsible but he doesn't see anything wrong with them swimming over there to the park and using it. Jerry said that there are buoys at the beach that say “No Swimming beyond this point” they are not to be swimming in the lake like that. Glenn said that they do that from a legal stand point for the little kids and the big kids and young adults have been doing it for 12 years and he hasn't seen a drowning yet. Jerry said that the problem is that Herlehy has put out no-trespassing signs on that isthmus out there and has strictly enforced it because kids were jumping off of the end of the rock and he was very frightened of the legal liability of it. Glenn said that they have an attorney on the committee to make sure that it is done right and added that there are a lot of young people in our community that enjoy using that area. Jerry said that he is not saying that they don't have young people in the community. He added that Tim Spelde was asked to take to the committee meeting the fishing club's comments with regard to the subject and so he is sure that Tim will give the comments at their committee meeting. Glenn said that Tim has already done that. John Mulholland said that the RCD has several parks now that are not well maintained and asked why would they add another one. For example, they have picnic benches that need to be maintained at the N. Beach, the boat launch has been in horrible shape since last summer, the staircase at Oak Lane Park has been weeded over, the mulch at the playground was replaced because it was grown over and it has become grown over again; he'd rather see them maintain what they have rather than add another park. Steve said that that was a good point and reiterated that if it is a big controversy then they won't do it. John said that there is controversy - a lot of people are hot about it – he's not saying that you shouldn't, rather, he is relaying a message of “What are they thinking?” Glenn said that what they are thinking is making a little oasis with a lit flag put out there and they have a committee to look at it to ensure that it is done right. Steve asked if they could put up a poll that people could answer on the website and Becky said that she could create a link to a document for them to print and send in, however, a

way to ensure better feedback and ensure that it is accessible to everyone in the district would be to put it in the newsletter. Betty Lou said that she thinks it would be really important for the committee to make sure that they get feedback from everyone that has a view of the land from their home on the lake. Robert Stocksdale said that you can go on surveymonkey.com and download different survey formats.

B. Steve – Fiscal Responsibility Discussion – Steve said that although he wasn't present, in December, the board went into executive session to discuss the where they stood with the budget and where they need to be. He thinks that the board did a good job in reviewing that information. He wants everyone to understand that they want to walk into next year with as much reserve as possible and so should control spending as much as possible and he thinks that the board is doing a good job at that. As the enter the new fiscal year, each board member will be charged with looking at the budget from their area of responsibility in terms of what they have spent this past year and what they may want to spend this coming year. He wants them to think in terms of not increasing their budget at all and if there is a wish list then they should put that into the budget, albeit, he doesn't want to see any "pork" in the budget. He has asked Glenn to head up the budget process and he asks that everyone's budget items should be in to Glenn by mid- February. For example, Betty Lou is researching chairs, so she would add that estimated dollar amount to the budget. The board will meet in executive session sometime in March to go over the budget again and, if need be, then again in April to fine tune it. The last time the budget was put together, Marty worked with Becky to come up with the budget and they did a great job, however, he thinks that the board ought to have more input on the budget than that. By May they should pretty much be in agreement as to what the budget is going to look like. Then they can look at the Indian Creek project and decide how that will be funded and if they can do the silt containment program at the end of Indian Creek and whether dredging is a possibility or whether it needs to be put off for another fiscal year.

C. ILM Bathymetric Survey Decision – Last month the board tabled the survey discussion. Since they are not going to do any dredging this coming fiscal year, then it doesn't make sense to have ILM do the bathymetric survey this spring. When the survey is performed, they would take measurements in the same areas that they did when they did the initial survey back in 2007. At the last meeting Tim had suggested that they could do measurements themselves using a depth finder and Steve said that that is a good idea and asked Jerry is the old report shows GPS reference points. Jerry said that there are 365 points referenced on it. Steve said that they could take those measurements at the same spots and it would give the RCD an idea of where the silt has moved to and help the fishing club too. In the original survey, ILM not only took measurements of the silt depth, but they used a pole and took measurements down to the lake bed itself so they won't need to do that again. Even if ILM did the survey again, they would just shoot the depths of the silt and overlay that on top of the old silt depth readings. For removal of the silt, they need to know how much silt is there. If they get the Indian Creek Project Grant and can sustain a project to do silt containment at the end of Indian Creek, that may be all they can chew on for the next fiscal year and do the dredging in fiscal year 2011-2012. Mike Robinson asked if they were talking about dealing with the silt that is in the lake over by the Moss's property in 2010 and Steve said that in FY2010-2011 they would like to deal with it. At Schings Park they would like to install an underwater dam about 2 feet below the surface with the center maybe 3 feet so that boats could get access that area. They would dredge the area and put in rock wing dams on Indian Creek that would support fish populations. As the water flows throw there, the wing dams will cause the silt to settle there so that in the future they need only dredge there rather than further into the lake. If it works, then they may want to do it up in the entrance to the Clear Creek tributary. Engineers have estimated that it is a \$300-400,000 project. Steve recommended that they delay the survey until they know if and when they are going to do any dredging.

VIII. Guest Comments (limit 5 minutes per guest)

A. **Don Finn** – Structural part of the bridge is complete and the steel piling were driven in down to the end of the POA property line next to the Moss' property. There is a big chunk of steel that used to be a part of the Moss' wall and Don wondered if the RCD had heard anything about what they are going to do about

that. Steve said that the Moss' want to repair that and they were hoping to talk to the contractor that did the bridge work as well as other contractors to get estimates on stabilization. Don talked to the gentleman that did the bridge work and he backed off on it because the risk was too high to come in to do work unless it was engineered. Steve said that he will stop by and see what they plan on doing. As far as the chunk of steel that is in the water, it may be best for them to keep it in there until something is done to the shoreline to help divert some of the water coming in.

- B. **Jerry Sellers** – Jerry received a call from a gentleman with the Indians, Illinois, Iowa FCC wanting assurance that the RCD is making their sub-contractors follow Illinois prevailing wage specifications. Steve said that the RCD puts that stipulation that all contractors must pay prevailing wage in their advertised requests for bids and passed a prevailing wage resolution for the RCD this past year.

- IX. Motion to Adjourn** – Tim motioned to adjourn the meeting 8:05 and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion. [01-10-07]

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