



## LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

### March 2, 2010 Time: 7:00PM

- I. **Call to Order** - Glenn called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Motion to Approve the Agenda** – Tim requested the addition of 4. Carp Removal, 5. Board Replacement and 6. Area below Dam to be put on the agenda under his report. Betty Lou motioned to approve the agenda with the modifications that Tim requested and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-10-01]
- IV. **Motion to Approve the 2/2/2010 Minutes** – Betty Lou motioned to approve the 2/2/2010 minutes and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-10-02]
- V. **Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report** – Glenn asked how much of the land that is shown as the RCD's fixed assets is actually marketable and how the value was determined. Becky said that Joe Olliges went through (she thinks) the supervisor of assessment office and got the value of the property around 2004-2006 and also had a professional appraisal done on the LCC at the same time. Tim asked Becky to give a little detail on the grant writing and what the breakdown is. Becky said that when Rebecca does various things for the RCD, she itemizes her bill; for example, part of the bill shows the Watershed Resource Inventory, which is reimbursable through the 319 grant under watershed planning. Tim asked if they could use grant money to buy equipment for the water testing that they do through EPA and Becky said she didn't think so but that she would have to ask Rebecca. Becky thought that they may be able to use some of the data that they are collecting for the Watershed Resource Inventory, which would save time and money that would be spent to hire someone to do it. Betty Lou asked if anyone else was cost sharing for Rebecca's services and Becky said that part of her work is paid for by the grant – they received a check from the EPA for about \$4000 last month and she just submitted a request to be reimbursed about \$8,000 for last month. Dennis motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-10-03]
- VI. **Director Reports**
  - A. **Glenn Baldwin** – Glenn believes that the committee for the beautification of the earthen dam area will be ready to present a plan to the board for approval at the April meeting. The committee has had two meetings and plans to have one more.
  - B. **Betty Lou Finn** – Betty Lou said that Steve told her that if they get the grant monies that they requested for silt basin and stream bank stabilization on the creek that they would need volunteers for the next two years. She is going to need to know when the volunteers are needed and what they are going to be doing.

Betty Lou said that everyone on the board except for herself lives on the lake so if they want to sit and look at the lake, they can go in their backyard. Referring to a comment that Dennis made regarding benches at the North Beach that she wanted installed where he stated that everyone has camp chairs and if they want to look at the lake they can sit in their camp chairs – she responded by saying that if she is taking a walk she doesn't want to carry her camp chair with her and that there are a lot of people in the community that don't live on the lake. She added that they do need to have places for people to sit and enjoy the lake. Dennis said that the context of the e-mail referred to her looking for more benches when they have already purchased how many benches. Betty Lou responded that that was to replace the benches at the dam that were lost in the storm just as everything else was replaced that was damaged by the storm. Dennis said that he remembers in the e-mail that he also stated that they are going to take the benches that were built and add them to the North Beach and that he didn't think that they needed more benches than that. It is hard for him to ask people to volunteer to do things if he gives the impression that he is spending the RCD's money like that.
  - C. **Dennis Cantrell** – Dennis asked if they need to address Joe Rush's statement that the VLMP program is no longer being funded and he requested that he be able to get a lab to analyze it. Glenn said that Steve

asks that they table it. Dennis said that he needs a volunteer to do some simple plumbing in the basement at the LCC; otherwise he'll need to hire someone to do it. During clean-up day he is going to do some of the projects that they would normally pay for – there is work that he wants to do on the parking lot and the volley ball court at the LCC. He doesn't know if he can work on the parking lot on that day because of the traffic going in and out of there – but to save money he would run a bobcat himself to do the work. Tim asked if there was a coordinator for the clean-up effort and Dennis asked Charlie Moore if he was it. Charlie said yes and that he would coordinate with Dennis. Becky said that in the past Herb would talk to the coordinator and let him know some of the RCD projects that could be done on clean-up day.

#### **D. Tim Spelde –**

**1. Security Reports** – someone dropped off garbage in the RCD container. They are coming up on their busy season soon and so Tim will meet with Sue and the security personnel to go over their expectations in 2010. They are going to allow the security officers to be in the RCD boat again this year and Sue and he talked about training them on how to use the boat properly – Tim made Bill Wurtz the contact person on this. They need life jackets for it and Betty Lou suggested that the fishing club could perhaps donate some life jackets – Tim said that he will look into that. They go out and check to ensure that the people out there have stickers.

**2. Swale S. of Lakeside Park** – There are two property owners that own property that has the swale that runs through it. Tim left a message for one of the property owners and talked to the other one (Dennis Pottorff) who said that he's owned the property for over 20 years and that the Lakeside Park didn't used to be there, rather, the lake used to come all the way up to the road. There seems to be a stream that runs through there constantly and it needs to be stabilized – Tim offered the stabilization packet to Dennis and he seemed interested in it and so Tim will have Becky send him a packet in the mail. Tim doesn't think that he will actually stabilize the property; rather he was interested in selling the property. Becky said that if the owner indicates to the RCD that he would possibly be interested in participating in the stabilization program, then the RCD can budget for it and that could be a selling point for the next buyer that they can participate in the program. Tim said that the RCD should look at removing the silt that has gone into the lake from that swale. Dennis said that when the Kregers are ready to stabilize their shoreline, the RCD would look into coordinating that work at the same time.

**3. Overnight Rental** – Tim's daughter would like to rent the LCC overnight to host a private sleepover with about 23 attendees for her birthday on March 20th. Betty Lou recalled that a similar request was made to the board a couple years ago and that the board didn't approve of it because they were concerned about outside influences. Mike Robinson said that in his experience as an ex-school teacher there was a certain amount of chaperones required per a designated amount of students and he feels that the RCD should require a specific ratio of adults to children in their motion. Dennis motioned to allow an overnight rental on March 20 w/ the stipulation that there be a child –chaperone ratio of 10-1 and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with Glenn and Dennis for it, Tim abstaining from the vote, and Betty Lou against it. [03-10-04]

**4. Carp Removal** – They had a good DNR survey this year – one of the best that they've ever had. They recommended that the RCD continue their carp removal program – it hasn't been done in a couple years. Tim would like the board to approve them inviting a couple of professional carp fishermen to come out in May at no cost to the RCD. He is going to ask the fishing club if they will contribute to pay for their gas. Tim would also like to coordinate a bow-fishing tournament for the community to control the carp population. Betty Lou motioned to have a professional fisherman come in May to remove carp from the lake at no cost to the RCD and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [03-10-05]

**5. Board Replacement at the Dam** – Tim is targeting the end of March to replace the boards at the dam to raise the lake to its normal level. He thinks that the program worked as they had a couple of floods on top of the ice with no apparent damage - they will have to evaluate it further to determine whether they want to continue that practice each winter. Charlie Moore said that he didn't think that the flooding was as extensive as last winter.

**6. Area below Dam** – Tim is working with the LLUD and their contractor to ensure that they restore the roads and area back to its previous condition once they are done with the work there. The RCD doesn't have it in the budget this year to beautify that area so he put it in his wish list for the FY2010-2011 budget. Tim has some conceptual plans that he will get bids on. He walked the creek and found that there are still four boats down there when you go back into the woods. Tim would also like to restore the deep pools that used to be in the creek down there and perhaps install some walking paths along the creek there. Glenn said that he listed

all the projects that the board members suggested to him in his first draft of the 2010-2011 budget for their next executive session.

## VII. Guest Comments (limit 5 minutes)

### A. Mike Robinson –

**1. Watershed Grant** - Mike asked where the money came from that was listed as a deposit of \$4,300 for the watershed grant and Becky said that it came from the state of Illinois.

**2. Stabilization** - Does stabilization get transferred to the person that purchases the lot? Dennis said yes and Becky added that if the property owner indicates that they want to participate in the stabilization program and then sells their lot, then, as long as the new owner is also a property tax paying owner, they could participate in the program. It may not transfer to a non-tax paying entity should they purchase the property. Mike said that he is asking if a variance would transfer over to the next owner and Becky said that the variance would transfer over; however, if the original owner were paid the rebate on a variance situation and the stabilization failed within 10 years under a new owner, the RCD wouldn't be able to go after the new owner on getting their money back since it wasn't paid to them. Steve corrected this statement, saying, *"Approved Variance Requests to shoreline stabilization ARE transferable to a new property owner as outlined in our variance rebate document. So the 10 year requirement goes with the property and it is technically enforceable."*

**3. Overnight rental** – what is the cost? Becky stated that it costs \$50 for 4 hours or less, plus \$10 for an extra hour for setup if necessary; \$100 for anything over 4 hours.

**B. John Mulholland** – did Jerry Sellers say anything to Tim about planting more at the North Beach – Tim said that he doesn't have specifics as far as types of plants; however, he did budget to have something put in there. John said that it should be done in late April. The lilies that they planted came back and he expects them to come back in the spring. The next area he would like to do would utilize 40-50 feet of wire mesh and the plants. Tim asked when the new budget year starts and Becky said May 1<sup>st</sup>. John will get with Tim on costs for that.

**C. Frank Durkin** - \$4 printing cost for plans.

**VIII. Motion to Adjourn** – Tim motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:56PM and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-10-06]

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