



# LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

## June 8, 2010      Time: 7:00PM

**I. Call to order** - Steve called the meeting to order at 7:01PM

Board Members Present:

Steve Larry –	President	Tim Spelde –	Secretary Pro Tempore
Dennis Cantrell –	Member at Large		

Board Members Absent:

Glenn Baldwin -	Vice President		
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**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Motion to Approve the Agenda** –Tim motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of C. Moss Property Variance and D. RCD Future Involvement in IALC under New Business and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-10- 01]

**IV. Motions to Approve the 4/1/10 Exec, 4/6/10, and 5/6/10 Minutes** - Dennis motioned to approve the 4/1/2010 executive minutes and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [06-10-02] 4/6/10 and 5/6/10 minutes tabled.

**V. Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report** – Tim motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [06-10-03]

**VI. Motion to Accept Annual Financial Report and Publish it in Newspaper Within 30 Days** – Dennis motioned to accept the annual FY2008-2009 treasurer's report and to publish it in the local newspaper within 30 days and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-10-04]

Mike Robinson asked why the meeting was held today instead of the 1<sup>st</sup> of June and Steve said that one of the reasons that they might reschedule a meeting is to accommodate the board members' schedules to ensure that they have a quorum and another reason is meet legal timing requirements for such things as bids and budget hearings; for example, tonight they will be approving the budget after holding a hearing for the budget, of which the tentative form needed to be posted for 30 days prior to the hearing. Tomorrow they will be having a special meeting to open bids for shoreline stabilization, another item that has a timing requirement. Steve said that he apologizes to anyone who had to change their dates to come here – they do want to make sure to notify people and they use the bulletin boards for that and they haven't missed any of those (48 hour requirement) notices that he knows of. Mike said that the board knew weeks ago that the meeting was going to be changed; however, Becky did not send out a notification until the actual day that the meeting would normally take place. Mike added that as a consideration for people who change their calendars and social events and make it an effort to come to the meetings, if the RCD knew 3 weeks ago that they were going to change the meeting, why didn't they send out a notification 3 weeks ago instead of the day that the meeting normally takes place. Becky asked Steve if she could speak on that and Steve said yes. Becky stated that she would take the blame on that because she went on vacation the Friday before the regularly scheduled meeting and she agrees that it would have been helpful for her to post that there was a change in meeting time the Thursday before the meeting would normally have taken place like she does for the agendas. Steve said that they are not required to post except at a certain time; now, his point is well taken. Mike asked what will happen the next time and Steve said that (the next time) they will get out appropriate notification – they apologize for not getting it out there – we'll do a better job of getting it out there in the future – end of discussion.

**VII. Adjourn Meeting: Public Hearing on FY2010-2011 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance** - Steve recessed meeting and called the public hearing to order at 7:17PM. Steve said that if you look at the carryover figure of

\$109,125.35 from the annual treasurer's report, you'll see the same figure on page two of the budget and appropriation. The board members held an executive session in April to go over each of the line items and they tried to be as close to the bone as possible (no fluff) with the goal of having carryover for next year. They have some very big projects facing them to include the grant that was approved for Babbling Brook for about \$525,000 of which the RCD is responsible for 40% of in kind or in cash. Becky said that there was one difference between the tentative budget and the budget that they are discussing to approve, a difference that actually works out in the RCD's favor. They are only going to need to budget \$1,000 on the repairs and updates for the LCC rather than the \$3,550 that was listed in the tentative budget. Becky adjusted that number and the reserve account amount to reflect that change. Dennis asked if the estimate of cash expected to be received from all sources includes the cash that the RCD is to receive from the district and Becky said that it does include the amount expected from district taxes. Mike asked about the amount of the supplies for the LCC and what the supplies is that cost \$3,350 and Becky said that this year Betty Lou will be finishing up on the task that she took on of purchasing chairs for the LCC – they budgeted \$2,800 for those. Mike asked what would happen to the existing chairs and Steve said that they haven't decided yet. Is work at Schings Park included in this budget and Steve said no. Mike asked if it was something that they would be doing in the future and Steve said that that was a good question and that they were writing a grant for that as they speak.

**VIII. Reconvene Meeting** – Steve reconvened the meeting at 7:25PM

**IX. Motion to Accept the FY2010-2011 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance & Publish it in Newspaper within 30 days** – Tim motioned to accept the FY2010-2011 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and ordered it to be published in a local newspaper within 30 days and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-10-05]

**X. Director Reports**

**A. Steve Larry – Grants, Watershed Planning** – The last Watershed Planning Committee meeting was March 9, 2010. They are planning another one soon. They are working on a silt containment project with involves writing a grant for Schings Park. Steve, Rebecca Olson, Dick Bauman and Joe Rush met to outline what they need to do and what figures they need to submit to the EPA for that grant. They will not hear anything until January on that grant. They are in the throes of the Babbling Brook/Lost Lake Stabilization demonstration project and they outlined responsibilities and accountabilities on all those numbers, including Steve as the project manager, Dick Bauman as engineer and Joe Rush is leading the design side with assistance from Rebecca Olson who is also handling the grant writing on that.

Joe Rush is heavily involved in the project of shoreline stabilization at the LCC and the shoreline in front of the boat racks by the dam – he'll be reviewing the bids from the bid opening that they will be having tomorrow – they have 5 or 6 contractors who bid on the work. He is also managing requests for variances of the stabilization rebate program. Tim asked Steve if they have established a rate for him as Project Manager (PM) to put toward match for their grant reimbursement. Becky said that the volunteer rate is listed as \$22.50. Tim said that the rate for a PM is significantly higher. Becky said that she can ask Rebecca if the rate can be increased for his work as project manager.

Charlie Moore said that at Babbling Brook there is an underground spring that they are using a drainage tube to drain the water into the streambed otherwise it turns into a mud hole to work in. Steve said that is fine.

**B. Glenn Baldwin – Peninsula Update** – in the fall they are on track to clean up the peninsula and start the planting.

**C. Dennis Cantrell** – they are going to do a temporary repair on the dock at the dam – it is temporary because they are going to take it out when they start the shoreline stabilization. Jim Yagen completed the work on his dock and it looks really good. They may look at it for some of the RCD docks. Steve said that they need to get out on the RCD boat to look at docks. Dennis said that most people have been good about doing repairs on their docks. They are going to move the RCD boat launch to the community center – the volunteers that use it the

most liked that the best. Dennis wants to wait to tie it in with the stabilization as far as grading so that they don't have to work around it. They are going to do something to privatize it with a screen or something since it will be at the community center where there is a lot of activity that goes on. They are planning on doing some repair work on the bumpers which they are waiting on to coordinate with the ULLPOA when they work on the roads. John Mulholland asked if there would be a second bench at the N. Beach and Dennis said that he gave the go-ahead to have it built. He said that there are only two picnic benches in the picnic area because the third one is on the fishing dock, which he feels serves no purpose. Dennis said that the fishermen do use it; however, he knows that it needs to be moved back to the picnic area. John said that the floating docks at Parkside and N. beach are loose. Dennis said that if those docks had been bolted they probably would have lost them in the last storm that they had. Their ability to slide up and down the poles is what save them and he doesn't know what the solution to that is. They are designed to be that way. John talked to a guy whose 89 year old father almost fell in and John wondered if there would be a liability if someone fell in. Dennis said that there may be more liability if they do more to it then what it is designed to do – he noticed that the bolts are welded on there and he is not sure that that is how it is designed to be. He sympathizes with those cases; however, he is of the mind that you can't make it perfect for everybody. If somebody has a better solution (he is open to it) he also thought of the possibility of bolting it and then tethering the dock somehow so that they don't lose it (if it breaks loose).

Charlie said that they would be using the same guy that they used last year to repair the potholes on the POA roads, noticed that the LCC parking lot had a few potholes and wondered if Dennis wanted Charlie to put the contractor in touch with him. Dennis said yes. Charlie said that he was having some difficulty in getting the guy to do the work in a timely fashion and Steve said that if Charlie needed another contractor, there is a guy out of Rochelle that does that work and is really reliable. Bill Wurtz asked what they were going to do with the dock that Tim has at the dam and Tim said that they will post that it will be removed and then remove it. Steve asked Becky to make a laminated sign to warn people that it is not a public dock and that it will be scheduled to be removed. John Mulholland said that he saw a notice regarding people repairing their docks and that they had to be repaired by June 2011 and Steve said that he put in the March newsletter that they had to have them repaired by Memorial Day 2010. Becky said that she must have accidentally typed 2011 instead of 2010 on the sign – John said that he'll remove the signs for them. Becky said that fortunately, no one has called to ask about the 2011 deadline (erroneously posted at the gates), rather they have been calling about the Memorial Day deadline (posted in the newsletter) and Steve said that the Watershed article probably got more attention than the signs at the gates. Steve said that they also posted a notice on the boats that they have to have up to date DNR stickers.

**D. Tim Spelde – Security** - there were 21 ULLPOA sticker issues on RCD property and no other violations. There is one person who is a repeat offender that Tim will talk to.

Schulze damaged the campground sign by accidentally backing up his pickup and he will fix it. Tim gave him some work to repair damage to the campground road from the recent flood that they had. His estimate is for \$626 to haul in 2 loads of crushed CA6, remove a couple loads of dirt from the burn pile, and \$130 worth of labor. He's going to try to pitch the road going to the campground so that it heads toward the ditches better but he thinks it is going to be a long-term issue for them so he thinks they need to look at tar and chipping that area. Becky suggested that they could coordinate with the POA when they do their roadwork. Charlie said that there is a culvert that runs across his driveway that is plugged up so water runs across the road and down the road. He suggests that they put a little gathering pit above his driveway, put another culvert under that road going down to the burn pile that's big enough to carry the water under that road down there along that road where it is supposed to go to that big tube below and disperse out so that it won't wash out the road again. Tim said that his culvert is working okay but he gets a river going through his yard. Tim said that he will get some prices on that.

Mike complemented the board on removing the remainder of the brush that was at the burn pile. Mike asked how soon they are going to seed the burn pile area so that people will realize that it is no longer a burn pile and Tim said next week. In the fall he'll be looking at doing some other improvements to that area as well.

**Bathymetric Survey** - Tim went out in a boat and took a 2 inch pvc pole and focused on Schings Park to take depth measurements. They can definitely see where they dredged in 2003 it goes from 2-3 feet to 4-5 feet in depth. In the 4-5' area, there is about 3 feet of silt under the water that has deposited there since 2003. He'll

keep taking measurements and build upon his readings to use for the Joe and the planning. He took depth readings all the way back and go 15-16' readings off of the North Beach. He doesn't see a lot of changes over there so he thinks that the silt is staying at the other end of the lake. Mike said that the silt over by Schings Park is so high that it is above the water. Dennis asked if Tim could turn in the hours that he spends taking the bathymetric measurements to use as match for the grants that the EPA has approved and Becky said that he just needs to keep track of his time on an activity sheet and turn it in to her on a monthly basis.

**Carp Fishing** – they cancelled having the professional bow fishermen out due to volatile weather. They will try to have them come out in the fall as well as the commercial fisherman that they have budgeted to remove the carp. Charlie said that people are leaving dead carp over by Lakeside Park. Tim will put something in the Watershed to remind people to dispose of the dead fish properly. Mike asked if someone is cited for a sticker issue on RCD property does it become an RCD issue or a POA issue and Steve said that it is a POA enforcement issue. There are people who live in the RCD district but not the POA that can get stickers from the POA to use the POA roads to get to RCD property. Sue Hill said that the RCD pays about 26-36% of the security bill so she tries to keep the RCD informed of what they are paying for.

**Memorial Day Program** – Charlie and the veterans were out on Memorial Day and put on a nice program - Tim took pictures of it.

## XI. New Business

**A. ULLPOA – Drainage Proposal** – Charlie Moore said that the POA wants to address a drainage issue that affects a property that is across from the LCC. Their house is at a lower level (than the road) so whenever it rains they get a significant amount of water coming into their house. They want to install a 50' X24" culvert underneath Lake Court toward the cottonwood tree near the tennis court. They would put stone in prevent erosion of the gully behind the basketball net – a turf stone that is buried in the ground, filled with dirt and planted w/ grass which will make a smooth transition for people walking up to the tennis court while allowing the water to drain off of the grass to keep it stabilized. From there to the bushes they would put regular stone and then from the bushes to the waterfront they would install about 30' of RR3 stone and matting to stabilize the area down by the LCC and tie in with the stabilization that the RCD is going to do there. Steve said that he and Charlie have walked through it with Ken Oltmanns and talked through the whole process and he feels that it is a fairly good plan and would allow it to happen. Charlie said that any excess dirt will be used to make a berm on the LCC side so that no run off will go across the parking lot and the area will be level, seeded and look nice. The work will take about a week to complete. Dennis said that it sounded like they had it covered; he wanted to ensure that any work that they do won't cause dirt to go into the lake and Charlie said that it will all be stabilized – there will be no dirt coming off of the site. Dennis said that they need to make sure that the culvert is big enough and Charlie said that they had considered that. Dennis motioned to allow the POA to proceed with their drainage project that involves Lake Court Road and affects adjacent RCD property as described in their plan and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-10-06]

**B. Steve – 6 Month Review of Past Unreleased Executive Session Minutes: Motion to Release or Not Release the Executive Minutes for Public Inspection** – Tim motioned to keep all past unreleased executive session minutes confidential except for the April 1, 2010 meeting and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [06-10-07]

**C. Motion to Approve Moss Shoreline Stabilization Variance** – The Moss' property has been walked by Dennis, Steve and Joe Rush in detail and Steve said that in his and Joe's opinions it seems to be the most appropriate and long lasting solution to that area. Dennis agreed. They are proposing digging down to solid creek bed and making a footing of course aggregate rock and place 3'X3'X6' concrete blocks there with the first block to be installed behind the wing wall of the bridge and a return will be placed there and they will have 3 layers of the blocks stacked the height of the existing corrugated steel wall that is on the far end. There will be two returns along the concrete wall and the wall will be 153 feet in length. At the end of the wall where the steel wall and the concrete meet there will be a return. The blocks will have 2 3/8" rebar pins to hold them in place and leak holes w/ pvc pipe to assist in drainage. Behind the wall it will be backfilled with aggregate rock, covered with dirt and seeded. The joints will be filled with concrete. Steve said that it is a massive undertaking of the Moss'

and Joe Rush looked at it in detail with the contractor. Mike Robinson asked if there is going to be steel behind the concrete. Rose said that concrete will go in front of the steel that is still standing. Dennis motioned to approve the Moss shoreline stabilization SOP variance request and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-10-08]

**D. RCD Future Involvement with IALC** – IALC meets every two months. Dues are \$125 annually and the RCD pays for the mileage of whoever attends the meetings. Steve said that they need to address the cost benefit of attending the meetings and determine whether they would be better off just reading the minutes on these meetings. They have a full time lake manager so they should be getting benefit from these programs. Dennis asked if they have gotten benefits from the programs. Becky said that in the past there has been benefits as far as exchange of information – Jerry Sellers and Frank Durkin would be good people to talk to since they have attended these meetings. In her experience they attained benefits from attending the ILMA conferences – that is how we located Joe Rush and Rebecca Olson and that is how she obtained the information for the Phosphorus Free brochure that she designed last year. Frank said that what they get back from IALC membership is well worth the investment. Steve asked what the benefit is for them to attend the meetings. Frank said that you bring back good contacts and information from these meetings – some months are better than others. Steve said that if a meeting or conference has information that is relevant to what they are doing but if it's not it doesn't make sense to send someone down there. Frank said that the last time that he went to an ILMA meeting they came back with enough information to start the preliminary lakeshore stabilization program and it has improved with the contacts that they have established such as Joe Rush.

## **XII. Guest Comments (limit of 5 minutes per guest)**

**Sue Hill – IALC** – At one time both POA's and the RCD were all members of IALC and each sent representatives to the meetings and it didn't make sense (for all the organizations to belong to the group separately). She suggested that they talk to Don Finn and if there is a worthwhile topic and maybe someone could go as a representative of the RCD and the POA could pay the travel expenses. Steve said that he will make sure that Don gets a copy of the agenda of the IALC meetings so he can decide if it is pertinent to the ULLPOA.

**Mike Robinson** – how many RCD board members are there – four current members and one applicant.

**Harold Stromberger – Peninsula project** – Harold "What they put in the Watershed didn't represent the (people) because it was real positive and said that people were only concerned about the flag and benches – but it's not RCD property" – Steve said that it is RCD property. Harold said that in the article they forgot to add that according to a survey taken by Carol Durkin, out of 52 people, 38 didn't want anything there. The majority of the people at the meeting didn't want anything there. Steve said that the project is only being funded by donated money, not RCD tax dollars. B.J. wants to work with them on planning the design – which they plan to present in the Fall. Steve said that there will be no benches or flags, which caused the largest controversy. Harold said that there was a controversy in doing it at all. Steve thinks that most of it was driven by the flagpole and the benches. Steve asked Frank Durkin his opinion as a (peninsula project) committee member and Frank agreed with Steve's statement adding that once the concept is developed and put before the board in the Fall if they review and approve it they will go from there. Harold said that the area is landlocked and Dennis responded that it is not being encouraged for access. Steve said that in the article is that they would treat it as a Schings Park or the beaches and take care of it. Harold said that the comparison is apples and oranges since anybody can go to Schings Park or the beaches while the peninsula is only accessible by boat. Dennis said that the purpose is not to go there – in that (usage) there is no comparison. Steve was referring to who is responsible for the property in comparing them, not the usage of the property – in that Harold is correct – the usage would be different. Dennis said that if people are willing to charitably donate money, time and effort to beautify something he doesn't see the downside to it. Frank said that the key will be looking at the concept that B.J. and Dave are working on together. Mike said that the RCD board is giving back their Per Diem and asked if it was going toward the peninsula and Steve said that part of it was. The money is going back into the general fund and part of it will be used for that. They also have some outside donations. Mike commented that if the POA decided that fines go toward beautification rather than going to the general fund and if there per diem went solely toward beautification wouldn't it make more sense to put it in that fund rather than the general fund. Dennis said that it's not a fine; rather, it is the board members saying that instead of taking this money we're going to decide where it is going to go. Becky said that the only reason that it is put into a general fund is a maintenance issue and Mike added

because they don't have a sub-category for beautification and Becky said correct. She added that she does have a separate spreadsheet that keeps track of the money that the board members are donating back to the RCD and where they want it to go.

**John Mulholland – Establishing water plants in the lake** – They planted 160 plants in 3 different areas of the lake and the plants are doing well in all three areas, especially the shallower areas. Tim said that he appreciates the effort that he and Jerry have put into that program. Steve said that he understands that the species that they are using are not the type to spread rapidly in the lake (evasive). John said that they are supposed to be non-evasive plants and that they are not likely to go into greater depths than where they are planted. Steve asked John's opinion as to where the picnic table should go and John recommended that it go back to the picnic area near the beach since on the fishing dock only one side is being used and you can barely get around it on the fishing dock. Someone commented about the water plants that the RCD installed and that he visited the IL DNR website where he saw a ton of grants for the reintroduction of native plants and with some an Illinois biologist will work with you on planting them. Tim suggested that they could ask Rebecca about those opportunities – Becky will do that.

**XIII. Motion to Adjourn** – Tim motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37PM and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-10-09]

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