



**Date:** January 08, 2004

**Board Members Present:** Tina O'Malley - President  
Joe Gargano - Vice President  
Joe Olliges - Secretary  
Amy Spelde - Treasurer

**Absent:** Fred Stegbauer - Personnel

**Guests:** Bob Bortman Frank Durkin  
Mike Schiltz Jerry Sellers

**Employees:** Becky Breckenfelder Mike Schiltz

**I. Called To Order:** The January 8<sup>th</sup> Lost Nation New Landing River Conservancy District of Illinois meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by Tina O'Malley.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Agenda:** No additions or changes were made to the agenda.

**IV. Minutes:** Joe G. motioned to approve December's minutes. Joe O. seconded the motion. Motion approved by majority roll-call vote with Tina abstaining due to her absence. [01-04-01]

**V. Treasurer's Report:** Joe G. asked if the workman's comp payment was a premium or if there was a claim. Becky said that it was the insurance premium payment paid out to the Virginia Surety Company, which is connected with Grant Bullis. There hasn't been anything else sent yet regarding the liability insurance, so Becky is going to call Grant Bullis and find out when it is due. Tina asked if the workman's comp protected the board members as well as employees and Becky said she would find out. Tina asked if the Nordman payment was the last one and Joe G. responded that Benesch still needed to submit his bill to them for the last of the work that he did. Joe G. asked what the deposit was since it was marked -split- and Amy replied that it was a combination of tax money, pop money and rentals. Tina told Amy that she could check to expand the report and it will drop down to list the splits. Joe O. asked if they deposited the money for the propane cannon and Amy said that she has the check right there to be deposited. Joe G. asked if the \$30,342.07 over on dredging was after the Nordman payout and Amy said yes. Tina said that they didn't put the loan extension money into the budget under dredge yet so that is why it is showing them over budget there. With them being over the original budget by \$30,342.07 and taking that away from the loan amount of \$60,000, they actually have \$29,657.93 left to spend on dredging. Joe O. motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Joe G. seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-04-02]

**VI. Board Member Reports:**

A. Tina O'Malley – No Report

B. Joe Gargano – No Report

C. **Joe Olliges – 1. Goose Control** – Joe O. talked to Sutton Ag, the same company that he purchased the cannon from, about a device that spins around and reflects to deter the geese. However, the woman that he spoke to said that it probably wouldn't work on the geese because they are so large, the geese tend not to pay attention to a lot of devices. One of the devices that she did recommend was the shell whistler but he explained to her that because of the noise ordinances of the two POA's, they wouldn't be able to use loud devices on any of the property except the RCD property. She also mentioned Border Collies, which are very effective and have been used on golf courses. There is actually an outfit in Illinois that does rent them out for this purpose. Frank Durkin is in charge of goose control for the fishing club and he wants to set up a plan to present to the RCD using volunteers riding up and down the lake in boats with trolling motors to scare off the geese.zx

Frank Durkin said a few words regarding his position as co-chairman of the proposed goose patrol for the fishing club. He stated that he wants to present whatever plan his patrol comes up with to the board to ensure that it is endorsed by the RCD. Before he submits an agenda of what they are going to be doing, he will need to know what will be supplied by the RCD and how they will be implementing them. He has about 20 people interested in volunteering. He knows that there will not be an instant solution to the problem and that he will need to try several different methods of control to see which work best. Frank asked how he and the volunteers will be able to get their names on the goose control permits and Tina told him to give the names to Becky. Discussion ensued about goose control issues and methods like no-mow zones at the shoreline. Joe G. said that, based on some of the feedback he has gotten from people regarding egg-shaking and other methods, the RCD should educate (via the newsletter or the Ripple) the public on why the RCD is harassing the geese. For example, the rate of increase of the goose population should you allow them to reside on a body of water. Tina remembered a meeting last spring in which Roger Asplund spoke and she thought that the RCD had agreed at that time to hold off a year on shaking the eggs. She was wondering if they were looking at it differently now. Joe G. said that he too recalled that they were going to hold off for a year on goose egg shaking to see the affect of the shaking they did last year was on the geese. Joe O. said he doesn't recall them making that decision. Frank asked if any board members have approached the DNR about their updates of the rules and regulations for 2004. Tina said that she thinks that the DNR puts all of their rules and regs. on the internet. Joe O. said that he was concerned with the islands gone now that the geese would nest on private property that they can't get permits to shake on. Tina said that each property owner would have to get their own separate permit to shake eggs on their own property. Joe G. said that they should post something in the Ripple informing property owners of this. Frank said that he wants to ensure that whatever they put out in the Ripple is accurate and to do that they should ask the DNR what changes have been made for 2004 as it is his understanding that some major changes have taken place. Joe G. agreed with Frank and Joe O. said he would pursue talking to the DNR. Joe G. said that Frank should get those names for Becky so that she can apply for the permit soon, even if they don't use it this year. Tina said that she didn't have a problem with applying for the egg-shaking permit as long as, at a meeting last spring, the board didn't vote against or say that they were not going to do the egg-shaking this year.

**2. Creel Limits** – Joe O. said that, based on the fish shocking report last year, the fishing club recommended changing the creel limits to read minimum size of 10 inches with a minimum of 10 a day. Joe O. agrees with that recommendation. (See attached Board Member Report) The fishing club also recommended changing the creel limits for Muskie, Northern and Walleye to catch and release based on what Al Pulley put in the shocking report (even though he didn't recommend limits in his report). Joe O. asked to have the issue tabled until Jerry (if he is willing) can speak to Al Pulley to see if Al does recommend a catch and release limit for those species.

**3. RCD Boat Motor** – Joe has the motor for the RCD boat in his garage and he will have a new lock and keys for it next year.

Tina thanked the fishing club for the work and research that they are doing on goose control and the creel limits.

D. **Amy Spelde** – Amy requested to add the CD to the Agenda under New Business. The board agreed to allow her to add that.

E. **Fred Stegbauer – No Report**

## VII. Employees

**Becky Breckenfelder** – The insurance company sent a sample of a form that should be used in the event of an employee injury claim. Becky wondered whether she could use that form as an outline for them to record injuries and incidents that happen on RCD property. Joe O. said that as long as it is not copyrighted it should be okay to use. Tina told Becky to go ahead and adjust the form, changing the items that would pertain more to the injuries on RCD property and then present it to the board.

## VIII. Old Business

**1. Dredging Update and Land Restoration** - Joe G. recapped last meeting by stating that approximately 47,000 cubic yards of material was removed from the lake at a cost of \$3.65 a yard, at a cost of \$160,342. When Benesch submits his final bill, Joe figured the total cost so far will be \$172,062.13. There is a little more work left to be done like grading and seeding of the lots out by the drying pit and perhaps hauling of some material there off-site and some grading at the dump site. Tina asked about Mr. Cachel's site and Joe G. responded that Mr. Cachel's site was pretty much done except for dragging and seeding. Tina asked if it was too rocky to mow and Joe said no, in fact one of the lots has already been seeded. Joe G. wondered if they could get a big roller to push the rocks that surface to the top. Tina thought it was a good idea to have the property rolled and every effort made to ensure that the rocks stay down because they want to encourage people to offer the use of their land. Joe O. said that there will be times in the future when they are going to require the use of lakefront property to access the lake and if they do get more citizens who allow them to do that, they should bring the property back up to an area that they can work on. Tina agreed. Joe G. said that it is all rock and that the rocks keep working themselves up, moreover, Henry Cachel doesn't have a problem at all with where they dragged and seeded his property. Tina asked what the extra effort would really cost to show the that they really mean to bring the property back as best that they can. Joe replied probably about \$500-600. Tina felt that it was worth it to maintain the good word of the RCD. Joe O. felt that they should give it a try and if it doesn't work then they can say that (they tried but) they won't be able to do that again. Joe G. doesn't see a need or a reason for it but if they want to give it a try they would have to hire a landscaper to come in and do it.

Joe O. said that he felt the dredging project went very good and Tina added that it was a great, well-organized project. They both complemented Joe G. on all his work on it.

Joe G. described two areas that require restoration. One, which is across from Rich Freuh's house, was damaged when Nordman was removing the temporary driveway – he cut into the shoulder of the road, leaving a 5'X50' damaged area. The second area is in front of 605 Woodland Drive – there is an area 5'X8' that has sunken in there. Bill Nordman will do the basework on both areas and the RCD will tie in the seal coating in when Lost Nation POA does theirs. Larry Baker was very happy with how his pit turned out with the RCD grading it; it benefited the RCD, with 10,000-12,000 of sediment being deposited into it. They are going to probably go out to bid for all the clean-up work that has to be done. Joe O. recommended starting with Schulze to either get a bid or information on who can help them with the roller.

## IX. New Business

**A. Budgetary Review of Transfers** - Joe G. asked Tina what they need to do when they do budget transfers, like when they took \$1,000 out of fish stocking and transferred it to the North Beach and West Beach **Lake and Beach Maintenance**. Tina said that since they did the transfer under vote at a meeting, the only thing left to do is to go into the computer and change the budget amounts from **Fish Stocking** to **Lake and Beach Maintenance**. Tina asked what the \$300 line item **Lake and Beach Maintenance: Other** was for. Amy said it was for the removal of trees that were at the North Beach. Tina said that it needed to go under **Land Repairs and Updates** or **Beach Maintenance** rather than adding a new category. Becky didn't realize that that category was no longer used and asked Amy to start printing her out a copy of the monthly reports and budget too so that she would have a list of the budgeted categories. They discussed when the budget should be adjusted and transferred and when it can stay the way it was originally budgeted. When they formally vote on a transfer of money from one category to another. Becky will eliminate the **Lake and Beach Maintenance: Other** and the **Professional Services: Other** categories. Joe also requested that they transfer some money from **Acquisition and Construction** over to **Repairs and Updates**. The \$60,000 loan also needs to be added under the dredging category. Talk further ensued and Tina brought up the point that, although she is not against transferring money between categories, they don't need to transfer from one sub-category to another if it is

under the same main category. Joe G. wanted to do it to keep track of where the spending is actually going. Tina responded that the actual amount over or under budget is shown in the far right column already so she recommended that they not continually transfer money between the categories.

**B. CD Due Soon** - They have two CDS. The \$11,000 CD is going to be due in a couple of days. Tina questioned whether they should cash it out and put it in the money market account to make the more accessible since they had discussed having more accessible money in a past meeting. Joe said that they may not need to access the money from the CD because they will already have extra money in checking (about \$20,000-30,000) left from the loan extension after all the dredging is paid for. Tina countered that they may not have the money in the checking account due to unforeseen circumstances such as another bad spring where the silt basins need cleaning out or the roof of the Lake Court Center caving in. Amy said that they aren't going to lose anything by putting it in the money market because CD's aren't gaining much interest right now. Amy is going to cash it out and put it into the money market account.

**C. Connecting Illinois Watersheds Conference** - Becky gave examples of topics being discussed at the conference, to include: grant writing, outreach and education, and stream bank stabilization and was wondering if any of the board members were interested in attending. The classes are being held all day on a Thursday and Friday in February, with a \$25 registration fee. Tina said that she went to one sponsored by the Illinois EPA when she first came on as Treasurer and she found it to be very educational. Also, there is a group conference that deals more with management of lakes, goose control, in-lake fisheries, etc. Tina will look into that and send that information on to the other board members. Joe O. said that if she can find that info then he would be happy to go and he also suggested that a couple of members of the fishing club go.

Joe spoke to Dan Pierce today and Dan didn't have good news regarding the upstream stabilization program that they were trying to get started. He would need another person in his office working on it full time to coordinate and administrate the program and because of budget constraints, Dan doesn't feel that the funding will be available. He does still think that it is a worthwhile project and he is continuing to send letters to Springfield, however, he doesn't see any work being done on it in the next 6-8 months.

**X. Guests: No Guest Comments**

**XI. Adjourn:** Joe G. motioned to adjourn the meeting. Amy seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM. [01-04-03]

**Next Meeting:** February 5, 2004

**January 08<sup>th</sup> Motion List**

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