

# Lost Nation/New Landing RCD Special Meeting

**Date:** June 12, 2003

**Agenda:**

- 1. Dock Improvement Request Approval**
- 2. Spending or Investment of Dredge Proceeds**
- 3. Personnel**
- 4. Gifting of Land to Taylor Township Update**

**Present:**

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| Tina O'Malley  | – | President      |
| Fred Stegbauer | – | Vice President |
| Amy Spelde     | – | Treasurer      |
| Joe Gargano    | – | Secretary      |

**Guests:**

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| Chuck Jolicoeur | Joe Olliges  |
| Ralph Petersen  | Mike Schiltz |

**Called To Order:** The June 12, 2003 special meeting of the Lost Nation New Landing RCD was called to order at 8:00PM.

## Pledge of Allegiance

### 1. Dock Improvement Request Approval

Mr. Cantrell's proposed dock would be 15' away from his neighbor's property and would be 4' out. His property is located at 406 Birch Lane. Fred questioned whether the material that would be used is the right pressure treated lumber. Tina responded that KCA is still approved for water, however, it is not safe for kids to lick on. The board discussed the dock's dimensions and the shoreline stabilization that would be implemented then Tina, Fred, and Joe went to the other side of the building to look at where Mr. Cantrell's property is. Joe motioned to approve Mr. Cantrell's dock proposal as submitted. Fred seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously by roll call vote. [06-12-03-01]

### 2. Spending or Investment of Dredging Proceeds

Amy spoke to the accountant, but he didn't have a suggestion one way or another, however, she remembers that the township had a problem with having too much money on hand. Tina said that if the full \$85,000 were put into the money market & with what already exists there, they would have more money on hand than they make in a year. Tina asked Joe what plans he has for spending the \$85,000 and why haven't they been presented to the board prior to this. Joe said that he thinks that they have been presented to the board. He then went into detail as to what they had planned. (Dropping the lake, dredge Flagg Road Silt Basin, dredge inlet at S. end of lake (N. of Flagg Road), dredge Schings Park, and remove larger of two islands). Need permission from lakefront property owners near the East entrance to access the lake for dredging.

Tina was surprised at the cost difference from it jumping from \$40,000 to \$85,000. Originally they were going to try to get a contractor to do the three jobs separately for around \$40,000 total, however, legally, they have to combine the jobs and go out to a bid, consequently, it will cost more. At a cost of \$6 a yard, Joe figures the two inlets will cost about \$45,000 (not including grading and seeding with 3,000-4,000 yards at each inlet), to remove the island (not including hauling) Fred got an estimate from an outfit out of Rochelle for \$17,000, so Joe figures it will cost around \$21,000. Tina asked if the engineers felt that the silt basins were adequately sized for the amount of silt that is coming in or should they be expanded. Joe responded that they had planned to remove the material that is in the basin across Flagg Road and the area on this side of Flagg Road to get them doing their job again as well as remove the island, all of which he estimates will cost \$70,000-80,000 based on going out to bid. This doesn't include Ken Oltmanns'

fee for lowering the dam and putting the boards back in. Tina pointed out that they have about \$40,000 budgeted this year for dredging and asked if the full \$85,000 that they are getting from the dredge is needed on top of that.

Fred said that he wanted the money to either go toward dredging or to pay off the land loan. He doesn't want to try to spend a lot of money quickly, without thought going into it, in regards to doing more dredging next spring. They already have the money for what they had planned this year, and there will be about \$35,000-40,000 left after they pay off the loan. Fred doesn't want everyone getting overloaded by adding more dredging work than what they had already planned this fall. Also, even though the rate that their current loan is pretty low, the rates have dropped again.

Tina said that she doesn't want to go to the county next year with a carryover of over \$128,000 in funds, and ask for more money. Joe said that earlier, Tina had a good point in regards to getting an engineer's opinion on the silt basin. He would like to hire an engineer to enhance the Flagg Road Silt Basin by constructing a road across the first wing there and expanding it on the West side. Joe was in favor of paying the loan off, however, he would like to postpone the payment of the loan until they have hard figures in hand on the proposal for dredging from the Lake Management Committee. Tina was also concerned about the Babbling Brook inlet and wondered if Joe had spoken to an engineer about improving that silt basin because it is no where near as effective as the Flagg Road basin. Fred suggested that if they paid the loan off now and waited until next spring to design a 5-year plan and at that time they could get a loan if necessary, and in the meantime, they have finished what they have already started. Joe agrees with them on their concern of having too much money on the books when it is tax-assessment time, however, if they have funds earmarked for certain plans, he thinks that the RCD can carry the funds on a capital improvement basis. Joe projects that a future plan will cost at least \$250,000 and he doesn't see why they can't start a fund and identify it for that purpose to the county.

Ralph Petersen suggested that they remove the other island and do whatever other work is necessary while the lake is down, rather than dropping the lake again next year to remove the other island. Fred said that the lake won't need to be dropped every year and that they were going to keep the other island. Ralph asked if their decision was based on an engineer's recommendation or were they just trying out things to see what works. Joe said that the Lake Management Committee's recommendations were based on the engineering reports that were done in the past.

Tina said that Peter Barini had suggested that they re-look at their basins to design them to be more effective at trapping the silt coming in. She added that if Joe wanted to spend some of the money from the dredge sale on hiring an engineer to make sure that the sediment basins on either end are adequate rather than pay the loan off, she has no problem with that.

They have about a \$60,000 budget for dredging, barring the sale of the dredge. Mr. Barini gave them a proposal for a \$10,000 plan to utilize the 23 acre site for a containment facility, along with some shoreline stabilization. Joe figures that a comprehensive plan for the lake would cost around \$20,000 or more. Add to that the engineer that would be needed to supervise the work. Ralph wants to know why they don't hire the professionals then.

Fred said that the reason that they are not spending the whole amount of money on dredging the lake is because one good storm would push more silt right back in until the upstream stabilization program gets going. At this point they are only concerned with maintenance dredging and stabilizing their own banks.

Joe Olliges said that since they already have a plan, which utilizes this year's budget, they should do that, see what an engineer says and they can always pay the loan off later in the year, right before they have to answer to the county.

### **3. Personnel**

Fred would like to hire a General Handyman to do some of the work that needs to be done on the RCD properties. Becky will post a position with the job description of Part-time Grounds Maintenance Employee.

### **4. Gifting of Land to Taylor Township Update**

Tina was informed that both the Taylor Township and the RCD have to sign the building permit because the land is in the middle of a transfer and depending on when the transfer takes place would decide who actually needs to be on the permit so Tina signed it yesterday to get them going. Nye is waiting for a letter from their attorney stating that they voted yes at their meeting to accept the terms of the transfer. Once he gets that, he will file the papers at the courthouse. Becky will send a copy of the letter that Tina got on to the attorney.

Joe said that the Township would like to take some of the gravel and sand that is on the 23 acres and Joe told them that he didn't have a problem with it, but that he would check with the rest of the board. The rest of the board was in agreement so Joe will let them know they can do that.

#### **Guest Comment:**

Ralph said that when he puts the new cabinets up, he would also like to make a pass-through from the kitchen to the main area. He has someone who will cut it out and frame it at no cost. There would also be some sort of door put on it to maintain the privacy when they have executive sessions.

**Adjourn:** Fred motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:55PM. Amy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-12-03-02]

#### **June 12<sup>th</sup> Motion List**

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