



LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

October 8, 2013 Time: 7:00PM

I. Call to order - called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

Board Members Present

Glenn Baldwin – President

Marty Portner – Vice President

Tim Spelde – Member at Large

Board Members Absent – John Harris - Secretary

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Motion to Approve the Agenda – Glenn motioned to add Executive Session: LCC Rates under item VI. A. Glenn Baldwin, the 7/9/2013 minutes to item IV., and the addition of VII. New Business A. Approval of payment to Jeff Winterland in the amount of \$1,800 for the excavation of the area below the dam's emergency spillway to the agenda. Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the unanimously. [10-13-01]

IV. Motion to Approve the 07/09/2013, 08/13/2013, 9/10/2013 Minutes – Marty motioned to approve the 8/13/2013 minutes and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-13-02] Marty motioned to approve the 9/10/2013 minutes and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with Marty and Tim for the motion and Tim abstaining from the motion. [10-13-03] Marty motioned to approve the 7/9/2013 minutes and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-13-04]

V. Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report – Tim motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-13-05] Marty asked if they were going to be foregoing security for the next few months and Becky said that it was from the period of November through February that they were foregoing the use of security for 2013-2014.

VI. Director Reports

A. Glenn Baldwin – Security Camera System at LCC – Shawn said that the security camera system is installed and the security room is finished – it just needs one final component to make it operational. **LCC Roof** – Shawn said that they tried to patch a 16' X 10' area over the roof over the men's bathroom but it did not take although when Marty asked Shawn if it was sturdy enough for them to walk on it, Shawn said yes. Becky said that the west side was done in 2001 and the east side was last done in 2004. Dennis had previously theorized that the reason the west side is lasting longer is because the east side faces the lake and so probably gets more exposure on that side. Tim asked if they got any quotes on the roof yet and Becky said that they would have to go out to bid for that. Dennis had looked into it previously and Tim said that he could talk to him about what he found. Glenn motioned to investigate the best course of action for fixing the roof (whether it be just a tear-off and re-roof of the east half or replacing the whole roof with a metal roof) and then to proceed with going out to bid on that and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-13-06] **Gate System on Dam** – Tim did a walk down of the dam with Dick Bauman from Wendler Engineering (in which Dick did not charge them for) after the last flood event to look at the possibility of controlling the water a little better during major rain events and he said that they could look at a gate system rather than the existing break-away system, however, if they change the way that the dam is designed they would have to meet all of the new regulations which would be very costly. Tim said that a weir gate system could end of costing \$300,000 -400,000 and so could prove to be cost restrictive compared to the current cost of repairing shorelines after excessive rain events. Marty added that they would have to get the Army Corps of Engineers involved as well if they did any modifications to the dam, which would mean more permitting and extra expense. Tim said that if the board wants a formalized plan from Wendler then they could do that. Glenn said that he got Tim's e-mail that had the quote from Wendler for a full structural and geo-technical inspection of the dam that included a full set of hydraulic calculations to verify that the dam is okay, writing an operations and maintenance plan for the dam, and providing dewatering capacity by installing the weir gate system and Tim added that everything had a dollar sign behind it. Tim said that they want to be good listeners and their neighbors here are the ones giving them feedback and some people want to see some action, however, sometimes no action at all is the right action to take for the better of the whole group. If they go any further it will cost money and Tim recommends that they do nothing right

now. Glenn agrees. Steve said that Tim was right in that if you do any modifications to the dam that you have to go out for permitting with the Army Corps of Engineers and that is pretty difficult, moreover, once you modify the dam for a different flow system then as Dick was saying, they would need to meet the new EPA and Army Corps of Engineers and it would cost a lot of money. The study alone would probably cost \$7,000 to \$15,000. Marty asked Tim if they could ask Dick about a way to pre-emptively remove the boards when a large rain event may occur and wondered if they would have to get EPA or Army Corps of Engineer specifications and permitting for that and Steve said that they shouldn't have to but that they would want to get a good engineered plan for it. Marty said that he would like to see that pursued and that it might only be a system of levers. **Steve Larry Coming Back** – Steve has applied for the open board position and should be appointed next month. **Steve – Upper Babbling Brook Stabilization** – The project consists of the stabilization of the last 3 miles of Babbling Brook Upstream of Lost Lake that they can actually influence. On the north side of Hay Rd. there is a ditch that has a cattle crossing that goes under the bridge there where the water moves through there rapidly. If you turn north $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to a mile, that is where Babbling Brook starts – beyond Babbling Brook there is a drainage ditch that runs through farmland and goes up through Lowden-Miller. At Lighthouse Rd. there are some very large culverts and grasses that the farmer landowner there has planted in his spillways that are holding the water back. Once you cross that all the way to the Bettner property was bought by a corporation to be farmed and was cleaned out with new tile laid to help drain the farmland. Consequently, that water will be coming straight in to the downstream Bettner property at an even faster rate and so what they want to do is slow the flow of water as it comes downstream through Babbling Brook. To do that, they are going to re-meander a section of the stream and when they get cross Hay Rd., the turn that goes under Hay Rd. will be widened and rip-rapped to help slow the flow down. Further downstream in a wooded area where Ed's property ends, they will do more re-meandering and finally, beyond that, they will be installing a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre silt containment pond with a drainage pipe to allow excess water a place to be stored while still draining the water but at a slower rate. The silt containment pond will be surrounded by wetlands. They will also be fencing off much of the stream to keep the cattle off of the Babbling Brook except at 4-5 designated crossing areas. The cattle crossings are made out of rock which is very uncomfortable to a cow for standing on so it will allow them to cross but not to stand in the water. Lastly, to the right of Ed's house on his property is a low-lying area that has a ditch being dug from the runoff of water – they are going to get rid of that, turning it into native grasslands and tiling it so that there is no longer a ditch with sediment running into Babbling Brook. These measures are meant to slow the water down that comes through the watershed, however, it won't stop the amount of water that comes through the watershed as there is nothing that can do that. Nachusa owns a piece of property adjacent to Ed's that used to have a cattle feedlot on it that they have since cleaned up and is being used for crops. The total cost of the grant is \$600,000, with the EPA paying for \$360,000, the RCD responsible for \$120,000 in match and actual money and Ed Bettner responsible for \$120,000 in match and actual money. They are going out to bid on the week of the 14th for the material and the work of the 1st phase of the project and there will be a mandatory contractor's meeting on October 30. The deadline for the contractors to submit their bids will be November 19th at 2PM and the board will open the bids at a special meeting on November 20th at 7PM. They hope to have the 1st phase of work done by June of next year and they will go out to bid on the second phase in April or May with work to be started next summer. Ed & Tina Bettner, Steve Larry, Rebecca Olson, Joe Rush, Rebecca Breckenfelder, and Dick Bauman are the members of the project team. All of the volunteer work such as Steve's time at \$150 an hour counts as match so that they can reach their required amount of \$120,000 sooner. **Stabilization of RCD Property** – The board awarded Jeff Winterland the bid for the stabilization of Schings Park and Lot 16 and will begin work on it in 2 weeks. LLUD Repair Work Below Spillway - Jeff recently completed work below the spillway for both the LLUD and the RCD. He cradled concrete around the exposed water main for the LLUD and then covered it with road rock and recycled concrete on top of it. Glenn motioned to move the executive session to the end of the meeting and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-13-07]

B. Marty Portner – Marty asked Tom if he needed to get to the pipe would he be able to and Tom said yes. Tom said that they could access it they had to – they would just have to break up the concrete but he doesn't see it likely that they would have to access it any time soon. A member of the fishing club discovered the exposed pipe and told the LLUD about it. They caught it in time before it was damaged and covered it right away which saved a lot of money.

C. Tim Spelde – the IDNR did a survey of the fish of Lost Lake and this time they took filets of the fish to have their scales tested so that the RCD could sell the fish instead of burying them. It was a good survey again this year and

they netted a lot of large walleye and bass. He ordered fish from their fish vendors again this year but hasn't gotten a delivery date on that yet. He is ordering 500 largemouth bass, 880 walleye, 2000 crappie, and 25 musky. Charlie asked if the report indicated how bad the gizzard shad are and Tim said that it is still a problem and he has had a hard time getting a hold of a commercial fisherman to take care of them. There is a poison that Joe Rush can apply to the lake to kill them but Tim is reluctant to use that. An over-abundance of gizzard shad can affect the bluegill population because they compete for the plankton in the lake. Tim said that the IDNR stated that they have a trophy lake in terms of fishing and that they are pulling out 30" walleye. Steve said that since Nachusa took over all of the property upstream of the lake and have since gotten the cattle farm off of the creek, they have done some re-meandering of the streams and the banks have reestablished themselves. Steve added that Nachusa is such a good steward of the land and their various practices upstream are causing the water coming in from Clear Creek to come in cleaner, thereby directly affecting the health of the lake. Having them as a neighbor is a good thing and Steve predicts that in the next 5 years it's going to be even better. Tim said that they removed 2,500 lbs. of carp from the lake this year. They still cannot establish plant growth in the lake, however, if they keep after the shad and the carp he thinks it will help.

Security – They are still waiting to hear back from the sheriff's department on the portapotty incident at the campground – Tim may follow up with the sheriff's office on that. There was also some activity that occurred at the North Beach. Last month a balance beam had been taken from the RCD campground and thanks to the security camera footage, they were able to identify a man that was seen picking it up and who paid for the value of the beam.

VII. New Business

A. Approval of payment to Jeff Winterland in the amount of \$1,800 for the excavation Below Emergency

Spillway – The board voted last month to pay Jeff to redo the channel below the spillway and to bring in 3 or 4 loads of rock to keep it solid. He doesn't have the rock in place yet as he is waiting to get more however, he did finish part of the job. Glenn motioned to pay \$1,800 to Jeff Winterland for the excavation of the channel below the emergency spillway and Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-08-08]

VIII. Guest Comments

A. Carla Anderson – Blood Drive – October 21, 2013

B. Sue Hill –Security – Sue asked what the RCD's plans are if security is called about incidents on RCD property during the 4 months that the RCD is not paying for their services. If the RCD wants security to follow up on a call involving their property during that time then they will be billed on an hourly basis for their time. Tim said that he can get back to them to let them know what they want them to do if someone calls about an RCD property. Tom Wendling said that he was disappointed with the sheriff office' lack of follow up on the vandalism that occurred at the campground in August and Sue said that Jack, Dave, and her are scheduling a meeting with the sheriff's office to follow up on that. Sue congratulated the POA on what they set up at the gates with the camera system and Sue added that the security personnel are also a key component of that in that they are professionals and can interpret the footage coming in when there is a problem. Charlie Moore said that there was a group that had a bonfire at the N. Beach and egged his house and so he feels that the RCD still needs to have security for their properties. Steve said that it makes sense for the RCD to pay for the security services that they may need to follow up on incidents that occur on their properties. Sue said that in security spends more time in the summer following up on RCD properties than on POA properties and figured that the money they paid in the winter offset that. Marty said that it was only for this one year that they were foregoing the security for the winter and Tim added that it was to offset the cost of the camera system for the LCC so that they would stay within their spending budget for security.

C. Barb Wiese – Barb invited a member of the RCD board to speak at the POA's annual meeting coming up.

IX. Adjourn to Executive Session: LCC Rates – Glenn motioned to adjourn to executive session at 8:20PM and Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-08-09]

X. Reconvene – Glenn reconvened the meeting at 8:45PM.

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