



# LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

## November 11, 2014 Time: 7:00PM

### I. Call to order

Marty called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

**Board Members Present:** Glenn Baldwin – President  
John Harris – Secretary

Marty Portner – VP  
Steve Larry – Member at Large

**Board Members Absent:** Tim Spelde – Member at Large

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

### III. Motion to Approve the Agenda – Steve motioned to approve the agenda and John seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [11-14-01]

**Steve Larry Resignation** – Marty presented Steve with a certificate of appreciation and a gift certificate to dinner as a thank you for his years of service as a board member, especially with his involvement in the Clear Creek Watershed Planning Committee and the subsequent grants that the RCD was awarded for watershed improvement because of his efforts.

### IV. Motion to Approve the 10/14/14 Minutes – John motioned to approve the 10/14/14 minutes and Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with Glenn abstaining from the vote and John, Marty, and Steve approving the motion. [11-14-02]

### V. Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report – The RCD paid out the following amounts of money toward grant related expenses this month – JadEco - \$16,509.56; Wendler Engineering - \$4485; Becky – Administration – 279.13; Presentation/Breakfast – 353.77; Martin & Company - \$122,225.83; and Olson Ecological Solutions - \$1,170. They hired a professional fisherman to remove carp from the lake for \$1,000 - \$500 a day for 2 days. Fish stocking – Richmond Fisheries - \$1,170; Gollon Bait & Fish - \$3,133.50. Glenn asked for an estimate of the cash flow when they are done paying the grant related expenses and Becky estimated that they would start the new budget year with under \$100,000. Glenn asked why they were over budget on some line items like LCC building supplies and grounds maintenance and Marty said that grounds maintenance went over budget because they had a lot of damage from the storm that occurred earlier this year and paying for opening the burn pile for the community. (*Becky later told Glenn that LCC Supplies was over budget because they had an unexpected \$1,690 expense when the grinder pump had to be replaced*). Steve motioned to approve the treasurer's report and John seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [11-14-03]

### VI. Motion to Approve Marty as President and Glenn as VP – John motioned to approve Marty as president and Glenn as Vice President and Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote. [11-14-04]

### VII. Director Reports

#### A. Glenn Baldwin – No Report

**B. Marty Portner – LCC Rental Proposal** - Marty presented a written proposal of a new LCC fee structure to the board for them to review and discuss at the next meeting.

#### C. John Harris – No Report

**D. Steve Larry – Grant Update** – Steve explored whether they could use Nachusa Grassland property to temporarily store silt from dredging and found out that they couldn't because once you disturb grassland, it's very hard to bring it back, especially if you put silt on it as it is rich in phosphorus. The EPA has not previously awarded grants to support the dredging of lakes; however, since we have holistically approached this in terms of the watershed, and being a member of the Clear Creek Watershed Committee, which was supported by an EPA grant, and with what they have done upstream and around the lake to lessen the load in the lake, this could be a segue into saying that the lake is just an extension of a greater watershed that eventually ends up in the Rock River. Rebecca and Steve spoke about her talking to Scott to ask him if, since they have done everything they could to mitigate what is coming into the lake; however, we have this phosphorus-rich sediment in the lake that we need to get rid of – so now we become the source of phosphorus for water downstream rather than the end result. Once Tim and Tom complete their study of the lake and take it to Wendler so that they can determine how much silt is in there, they can take that estimate and

figure out the phosphorus and other pollutants that are in there that would be eliminated if they removed that silt. They are hoping that it would allow them to get grant money from the EPA for dredging. Steve said that he would volunteer to help coordinate that if the board wants him to even though he is moving away and has resigned off of the board. One challenge that they would have in dredging is where to put the silt. They have discussed putting in the area that is on the other side of the stream that is north of the campground to taking dry dirt out of Schings Park and building it back up with the wet silt. Wendler and Joe Rush will be able to help them explore those options. The earliest that they would begin to look at this would be 2016 or 2017 with 2015 being their planning year.

## VIII. New Business –

**A. Meeting Date Change** – Marty motioned to change the monthly meeting date to 6:00PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each week starting January 1, 2015 and John seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote. [11-14-05]

**B. Changing Locks on LCC** – Marty said that the last time the locks were changed on the building was more than 5 years ago and it's a good idea to periodically change the locks to help keep the building secure. In the next 4-5 weeks ago he is going to have Becky call the locksmith to change the locks before the last week in December. For security purposes, he suggested that they limit the number of keys that they give out, based on need, and would like to have the RCD opening and closing the building for all events if possible. Each of the board members and Shawn will have a key to be able to do that. Steve agreed that it is a good idea; every business does this periodically with turnover. Steve suggested that the president of each organization, such as the POA or Senior Focus Group; for example, would get a key, and maybe ask for a security deposit from everyone that gets issued a key so that they are responsible for it. This would make it easier on Shawn and the board members in case they are not in town when the building would need to be opened. Marty said he would make sure to do that. Glenn said that he'd want to make sure that the key said "Do not duplicate" on it and Marty said that they always do that.

**C. Expanding Office** – Marty said he likes how the POA's office is set up with a counter and swinging door that separates the visitors from the office manager, equipment and files that are back there. He feels that it is professional and helps establish a protocol for business relations. He'd like to do the same thing with the RCD office if they have the money to do it. In order to do it, they would need to build or bring a counter in there and it would probably affect where the library is now because he wants to take all of that space and use it for RCD business. If they put a counter in then the office desk can't co-exist in the same limited space and so the library is going to need to either be moved to elsewhere in the building or somewhere else, period. As it develops, it probably won't happen until next year after the POA goes through their changes and gets a new president; once that happens, Marty would get in touch with the leaders to talk about it since it would affect the library. Glenn asked how often people come to the office for RCD business and Becky said that on a slow week she may get 2-3 people visit and on a busy week she can have 3-4 in a day. Glenn asked whether they should incur the cost for the sake of the business done of only 2-3 people a day. Marty said that they would see – he would have to get the figures first. The main thing he is after is going one step further from what they did when they moved the RCD office from Becky's home and creating a professional atmosphere as they have at the county, township, POA or any other professional office. Glenn asked if the board had decided whether it would have security in the wintertime because he noticed that they have almost used up their entire budget for security this year. Marty said that the budget number should drive whether they continue security through the winter and Becky said that they only budgeted to have security through the end of October. Marty said that they should send out a notice to the POA to let them know.

**D. Year in Review Mailing** – Marty said he would like to look at doing a year in review mailing to the RCD district members. The RCD doesn't have its own bulk mail account with the post office; however, in the past, the POA has allowed them to use their bulk permit and Marty said that he would ask them if they could use it again to save on postage. Steve said that they could also just post it on the website. Marty said that he will work on that and he'll send a copy to the board and then post it.

**E. Lowering the Lake for Winter** – Dave Nelson said that several people need to do repairs along the lakeshore, specifically, Darrell Jordan, who is hiring Dave professionally to replace the seawall on his property that is in danger of collapse, and he could accomplish it a lot easier. When the lake was dropped a few Novembers ago, people were able to do similar repairs and were able to clean up a lot of garbage that is along the shallow water that is not accessible when the water is up. Dave feels that winter time is the best time to lower the lake because in the summer people want to enjoy the lake. Steve asked Dave how it was for him when they lowered it this last spring. Darrell was not aware of the lake being down at that time. Steve said that that is the time that he would suggest that the board lower the lake and their lake manager said that spring was the best time to take it down. Steve thinks that they ought to do that regularly to avoid the potential flash flood situations that may occur in the spring. Steve asked Dave if that would be just as good as in the winter time because otherwise they would be down from now all the way through April.

Steve added that they may not want it down all through winter as it could kill off fish that they don't want to kill off. Steve's preference would be to take it down in the spring and he could do his repair in the spring and he asked if that would work for Dave and Dave said that it was a possibility. He added that when they have a bad winter, the ice pushes up on the docks and damages them and if they lower the lake in the winter, it can't do that damage. Dave asked Shawn if there were some docks around the lake that are not level and Shawn said that there were several; however, a lot of people are now redoing their docks to build around that ice like building them higher and doing different techniques, almost like a retainer wall in some cases. Jerry said that the difference between when they lowered it in April and when they lowered it in the winter was that they lowered it by one board in April and two boards in the winter so you saw a lot more of the lake. Dave said when you take it down in the spring if somebody comes and looks at the community; it looks funny vs. in the winter he doesn't think that it is noticed as much. Marty said that if they take it down for the winter then they have to keep it down for the whole winter. Glenn asked if there could be potential damage to the lake if they draw it down all winter and Steve said that the only damage he can think of is more fish kill from having less water for the fish to swim in when the water freezes over. Steve said that they can ask their aquatic manager, Joe Rush the pros and cons of lowering the lake in the winter and Dave said that he would never want to do something that would hurt the fish or lake. Marty asked Dave when would he be able to do the repair if they were to draw down the lake in the winter and Dave said that he can do it anytime down to 16 degrees but any colder than that would be rough. November and December would be best for him. Steve recommended that they ask Joe the difference between one or two boards and spring vs. winter in terms of what's best for the lake. Marty agreed that they should get Joe's recommendation regarding the affects of lowering the lake on the fish population and the shoreline.

**IX. Guest Comments**

**Dave Stewart** – Dave asked if they got word from the DNR on the fish testing and whether they are edible or not and Steve said that he hasn't heard anything back yet but the good news is that the commercial fisherman that came out was happy with the fish that he took out for them even without it being determined yet whether he can sell it for human consumption or not. Jerry said that he is getting 9 cents a pound for it right now and it is the EPA, not the IDNR that is behind on getting the information to them.

- X. Motion to Adjourn** – Steve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:58PM and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [11-14-06]

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