



**LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD**  
**November 8, 2011**                      **Time: 7:00PM**

- I. **Call to order** – Glenn called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.  
**Board Members Present:** Glenn Baldwin – President      Dennis Cantrell – Vice President  
John Harris – Secretary      Steve Larry – Member at Large  
  
**Board Members Absent:** Tim Spelde – Member at Large
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Motion to Approve the Agenda** – Dennis motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of C. Ron Mangini Presentation and D. Motion to approve payment to Fischer Excavating for \$105,592.05 for Babbling Brook Stabilization and Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [11-11-01]
- IV. **Motions to Approve the 10/11/2011 Minutes** – Dennis motioned to approve the 10/11/11 minutes and Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the minutes unanimously. [11-11-02]
- V. **Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report** - Steve motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [11-11-03] Dennis had questions about the payout to Joe as education coordinator and how it is listed under education publication in the check register under and Becky explained that Joe did work coordinating the education publication so although his work is listed as education publication in the RCD check register, under the grant budget line item, Joe's work is listed under the education coordinator line item, not the education publication line item. Dennis asked why the amount spent has gone down on the Construction Contractor, Lake line item and Becky said that initially, they were going to bill the peninsula work to the grant; however, \$10,000 of the Construction Contractor Lake money was moved over to the Construction Contractor Babbling Brook line item and they had to choose between the Peninsula project, in which they would only realize about \$2,000 in match or the Yagen project, in which they would realize about \$9,000 in match so Becky took the Peninsula project expenses out and will be adding the Yagen amount to the spent amount next month. Dennis was concerned about Joe and Rebecca overseeing the Babbling Brook project and ensuring that they are not spending too much time (and therefore more money) doing that. Steve said that their time is necessary, they have budgeted for their time, and Joe and Rebecca understand that they will not go over the budget. Dick Wendler had to do more work than expected due to engineering changes, so his line item is over the budget. Dennis would like to see a more transparent budget report so that it is easier for the board members to understand how the money is being spent and Steve said that he understands the numbers and agrees that it is important that the other board members understand the numbers and suggested that if Dennis had questions on the budget report that he could meet with Becky before the meetings so that she could answer any questions that he has.
- VI. **Director Reports**
  - A. **Glenn Baldwin – Peninsula Update** – Glenn met with Rebecca to discuss the peninsula and Rebecca stated that if they don't get some plants in next spring to replace the ones that they planted that didn't make it, the stabilization effort on the peninsula will fail. She said that they can very inexpensively plant seeds into the coir logs themselves and Glenn added that they have money in the lake plants line item of the budget to buy the plants. He is concerned with the deer foraging on the peninsula and would like to find a way to mitigate the damage that they do. Steve suggested that they could stake chicken wire above the plantings and seeded logs to keep the deer and geese from getting to the plants. They are also going to implement a burn on the peninsula this spring and Steve would like to see them burn other RCD properties as well to control unwanted plant growth. Dennis said that they should ask Rebecca to suggest some deer resistant plants to put in.
  - B. **Dennis Cantrell – Lighting** - Dennis purchased some solar lights for the LCC that he is going to install. The lights are not very expensive and they don't throw off a lot of light so it is more of an ambient light to allow people to see where they are going.
- Roof Venting** – Mark Piper installed the vents in the roofs and in the spring, Dennis wants to get up in there to see if there is any mold up there from it getting wet.

**Leaves in Lake** – allowing leaves to get into the lake is bad for the lake in that the decomposition increases the phosphorus level - he'd like to put out a public awareness to explain to shoreline owners the importance of shoreline vegetation in blocking loose leaves from entering the lake and to explain to the public why they shouldn't let their leaves accumulate in drainage ditches where they would eventually end up in the lake.

**Drainage** – Dennis said that the RCD has a lot of control and even a responsibility to manage the drainage of the community, like culverts and such, all of which enter into the lake.

**Lowering or Raising the Lake** – Dennis would like the board to weigh the positives (less erosion to shorelines and damage to docks) against the negatives (silt going deeper into the lake, limited usage and aesthetics) of lowering the lake in the winter. Steve said that the lowering of the lake started with a recommendation a few years ago from Jerry Sellers and the LMC and their research to control the erosion on the properties that occurs with the winter freeze/thaw cycle. Steve said that with the stabilization that they have had on the lake that perhaps they don't need to lower it like they used to – he said to give Joe Rush a call and let them know his recommendation.

**Security and the LCC** – Dennis would like to redirect the security's efforts that they spend in the winter on RCD properties to concentrate more on the LCC – to keep the children understand it's not a playground or to ensure that they lights are turned off – Steve suggested that the lobby light be put on a motion switch.

**Renting RCD Shoreline to Property Owners Within the RCD** – Dennis would like to look at the possibility of allowing residents to rent out portions of the RCD shoreline to install a temporary dock or pier of some kind for keeping their boats on. The money generated by the rental of these properties could then be used to maintain and improve the properties. Glenn asked if Dennis thought there was a market for it and Dennis said that he thinks that people would be much more likely to use their boats on the lake if it was already in the water rather than dragging them from the racks to the launches to get into the lake. Glenn suggested that they do a little market research using the newsletter. Ron Mangini said that the downside to that idea would be taking away the natural beauty of Lost Lake by cluttering up the shoreline with multiple docks every 50 feet. Steve suggested that, instead of renting multiple areas to residents to install their own docks, what if the RCD installed a dock that would accommodate boat slips vs. taking up multiple feet of the shoreline – his concern was that if they had multiple docks installed on a property such as Schings Park that it would be difficult to get their equipment in to do dredging in the future unless they were easy to take out. Dennis said that he had already figured that they would want to ensure that the docks that would be installed would be portable or removable docks so that they could be taken out easily.

**RCD Carp Tournament** – If the fishing club isn't interested in coordinating a carp fishing tournament, the RCD could host one – he sees it as a viable way to remove a lot of carp.

**C. John Harris** – There is a pancake breakfast coming up this weekend.

**D. Steve Larry – Babbling Brook Stabil., Watershed Plan** – Steve talked to M. Hutchinson and said that if the RCD decides to do anything with the property that is contiguous to his property that they would have to do it the legal way, which would involve putting a notice in the paper and going out for bid and send a letter to the other contiguous landowners to make them aware of the opportunity.

## VII. New Business

**A. Motion to Approve Yagen Shoreline Stabilization Rebate** – Dennis motioned to approve rebate payment of \$7,000 to Jim Yagen for the stabilization of 350' of shoreline of his property and Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [11-11-04]

**B. Motion to Approve Transfer of Lot 16 (109 Oak Ln) to RCD** – Dennis motioned to accept the transfer of lot 16 (109 Oak Lane) from Rowlett to the RCD and John seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [11-11-05] Steve said that the RCD will need to plan to stabilize that piece of land once they own it. Glenn will look into getting the property checked and quit claimed to the RCD.

**C. Ron Mangini Presentation** – Ron has lived here for 19 years and has seen a lot of changes and a lot of money spent on the lake. (*Note: Watershed is 10,000 for a 90 acre lake so the ratio is approximately 100 to 1*) In Ron's opinion, the rate of the water that runs through the watershed has changed drastically in the past 6-8 years and he believes that the 12 culverts that were installed on Lowden are the cause of it. They compromise not only the bridge that was taken out in 2009, but could also compromise the dam and is destroying the lake. Water flow that used to take two days to come through the watershed is now taking 2 hours, the increased volume and velocity of the water is causing severe erosion along the stream banks, bringing the excess silt with it and depositing it in the lake. The lake and dam cannot handle the increased amount of water coming through in such a short time. He agrees with the RCD that stabilization of the shorelines is important; however, he feels that they need to address the cause of the problem as well as the symptoms. Ron has taken a look at the bridges and noted that some of them are 3' ft high x14 wide' and some are 4' high x10' wide. A possible solution that Ron suggested was to put baffling up at the entrances of the bridges that wouldn't stop the normal flow of water but would lessen the amount of water coming through in a flood event. He thinks that by each of the culverts there are acres of trees and brush that the water could safely back up into without affecting the farm fields. He'd like the RCD to not just spend their money on dredging and stabilization, but also on engineering a plan to solve the problems that the culverts are causing. Steve said that first they have to understand why the county installed the culverts – he is assuming that it was to alleviate the flooding of farmers' fields and the washout of roads – and then ensure that whatever solution that they may propose would not exasperate a problem that the county tried to solve with the culverts. Steve said that putting baffles on the culverts may create other problems and suggested that another alternative to slow the velocity of the water would be to install rock riffles on the stream banks running through the farmers' fields. In a previous WPC meeting, the RCD asked the Army Corps of Engineers what comprised their jurisdiction and culverts weren't a part of it. Ron said that the first step would be to find out who the project was coordinated under (county, township, etc.) and why, make them aware of the problem work with the engineers responsible for the design to find out what they can do to alleviate the problem without affecting what they tried to accomplish with the installation of the bigger culverts. Steve said that the WPC is going to have meeting coming up in December and he will bring this topic up at that time.

**D. Motion to Approve Payment to Fischer of \$105,592.05 for the stabilization of Babbling Brook** – Dennis motioned to approve the payment of \$105,592.05 to Fischer Excavating for removal of trees and the installation of RR5 riprap and gabion baskets on Babbling Brook and John seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [11-11-06]

#### VIII. Guest Comments

**IX. Motion to Adjourn** – Steve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:12PM and John seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [11-11-07]

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