



# LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

## March 13, 2012 Time: 7:00PM

### I. Call to order – Glenn called the meeting to order at 7:05PM

#### Board Members Present:

Glenn Baldwin – President    Dennis Cantrell – Vice President  
John Harris – Secretary                      Tim Spelde – Member at Large

#### Board Members Absent:

Steve Larry – Member at Large

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

### III. Motion to Approve the Agenda – Dennis motioned to approve the March 13, 2012 agenda and John seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [03-12-01]

### IV. Motion to Approve the 2/14/2012 Minutes – Dennis motioned to approve the 2/14/2012 minutes and John seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with Glenn, John and Dennis for it and Tim abstaining from the vote. [03-12-02]

### V. Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report – The RCD paid the insurance premium last month. Glenn is going to meet with the insurance agent on Friday to go over the policy with him. Dennis motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with Glenn, Dennis and Tim for it and John abstaining from the vote. [03-12-03]

### VI. Director Reports

**A. Glenn Baldwin – Bridge** - Glenn put an article in the newsletter stating his interest in installing a bridge across the lake from their newly acquired lot 16 to the POA's Lakeside Park and has gotten positive responses from people that he has talked to about it. Glenn wanted the board's opinion on it and said that if they did want to pursue it they would have to look at whether there are any ordinances against installing a bridge across there, especially in terms of allowing boat passage and that they would have to seek out the professional assistance of an engineer to help design it. Dennis said that it was a good start for Glenn to put an article asking for feedback in the Watershed and said that although it doesn't necessarily fall under the RCD's mission regarding the lake; it certainly ties in to how the RCD serves the community. Dennis said that he doesn't have any feelings either way for it but that if a good portion of the community wanted to pursue it, he would be in favor of building it; alternatively, if a majority of the community was either apathetic or negative toward the idea, then he wouldn't recommend them pursuing it. John said that he has mixed feelings about the project in that initially he was for the idea and now with the little bit of feedback that he is getting, he is not sure – he'd also like to know the POA's feeling on it. F. Durkin said that the RCD has to be very careful about the liability involved. Tim said that he thinks that there would have to be a pretty sturdy structure that would allow boat access rather than any floating dock type of structure and that he has gotten negative feedback from some residents on it. Tim said that the best way to go is to get public opinion first and to also look at the alternative option of a joint project with Nachusa Grasslands on their property that is north of the Dam to have a pathway installed there to connect the two sides. Glenn asked Becky what she thought and she said that she thought the path above the dam would be a cheaper and easier area to maintain and also wouldn't be as visible to the community for those who want to maintain a low key atmosphere. If they did build a bridge at the area that Glenn had suggested, she thought that it would get a lot of use; however, she agreed with Tim that the structure would need to allow boat access, they would have to ensure that it didn't hinder future dredging projects, and that they would have to talk to their insurance company to find out if it would affect their liability premium. There was also a survey that the RCD sent out a few years ago to the district property owners that asked that very question and Glenn asked Becky to send him the responses on that. **Peninsula** – Many of the plants that they put in last spring were grazed on by deer and Rebecca recommended seeding the logs to replace those plants. Shawn (and possibly Gene) is going to seed the logs with a wetland mix. Dennis asked if they were going to plant deer-resistant plants behind the logs too and Glenn said that wasn't in the works right now. Tim asked if there was a point where they are going to stop spending money

on the island and Glenn said that that is a decision and that they could just abandon it. Becky said that the fencing and the seed is already budgeted and being paid for by the grant. Dennis said that he understands Tim's concern about putting more money into the project; however, he doesn't want the work, time and money that they have already put into it to be wasted. Dennis envisioned that after they seed the logs that they would put in more plantings between the logs and the shoreline to replace the ones that didn't make it. The board members are going to do a controlled burn in the next week per Rebecca's recommendation.

**Preliminary Budget:** The board members need to get their numbers in to Becky by the end of March so that she can create a preliminary budget.

**Replacement VLMP Coordinator** – The board needs to find a replacement for Bill Wurtz to act as VLMP coordinator to take water samples and secchi readings. Steve Fredrick said that his dad, Ron, might be willing to volunteer to help with that. Tim asked if they have gotten any feedback on those readings and Becky said that Joe Rush would be the one to talk to on that. Tim said that he has asked Joe and hasn't heard anything from him. Becky said that the information tells what the water quality is now vs. when they get the upstream and lake stabilization finished and what effect those methods have on water quality.

**B. Dennis Cantrell – Contractors and Repairs** - Dennis wants Shawn and Gene to take on any minor repairs that the RCD needs to make on the LCC and other RCD property.

**Dock Rental Program** – Dennis asked whether the board was ready for him to put a Dock Rental Form together for the board to review based on what he had proposed to them a couple meetings back. It would give district owners an opportunity, for a fee, to rent RCD property annually to build their own dock per the RCD's precise specifications on one of 12 plots (approximately 12' in length) that the RCD would designate. Dennis was more in favor of having the renter build the dock; however, Jeff McKinley suggested that if the RCD built the docks themselves, they could set them up so that two renters could tie up their boats, one on each side, thereby effectively doubling their rental revenue.

**C. John Harris** – Dan Nicolini, one of their volunteers, had back surgery and is doing very well.

**D. Tim Spelde – Security** - Tim contacted the security officer and asked him to start sending him the monthly reports like they used to do. Trail by Campground – M Stocksdale is still planning on creating the trail by the campground.

**Carp Removal** – Steve has been tenacious about contacting the company for carp removal and Tim talked to Joe about pursuing commercial fishermen for that as well. Tim purchased the feeders and will be installing them at the LCC and at the inlet by Park Side Park. Tim will be locking them up to prevent vandalism to them. They are planning to feed the carp regularly to get them used to being in a particular area and then they will come in with shocking boats to stun them and take them out. Dennis said that if they install the feeder at the LCC, then they will have to take precautions to safeguard it from children messing with it.

**VII. New Business – Water Monitoring Equipment** – Becky said that Joe Rush asked that they discuss that the water monitoring equipment as it needs maintenance (the equipment consists of a meter with a probe that takes water quality measurements).

**VIII. Guest Comments – Frank Durkin** – Frank asked how they handled taking the waste off of the beaches in the past and whether they had someone to do it this year – Dennis said that it falls under Gene and Shawn's duties.

**IX. Motion to Adjourn** – Dennis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [03-12-04]

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