



LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

February 26, 2015 Time: 6:00PM

- I. **Call to order – Welcome New Board Members** – Marty called the meeting to order at 6:04PM.

Board Member Present	Marty Portner – President	Tim Spelde – Member at Large
	Jim Brown – Member at Large	
Board Member Absent	Glenn Baldwin – Vice President	Mike Swartz – Member at Large

- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

- III. **Motion to Approve the Agenda** - Tim motioned to approve the agenda and Jim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [02-15-01]

- IV. **Motion to Approve the 11/11/14,12/9/14 and 1/15/15 Minutes** - Tabled

- V. **Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report** – Becky said that at the beginning of the month they received \$97,883.95 from the EPA for the UBB grant. They also made a payment to workman's comp which was more than usual due to a change in the law at the state level. Someone asked about snow removal and Becky said that they are just under the budgeted amount for snow removal. They will go over budget on snow removal next month when they pay out on it. Marty asked about security and what they spent so far and Becky said that they were over budget by about \$14. Tim motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [02-15-02]

- VI. **New Business**

A. Motion to Assign Board Position – Secretary - Tabled

B. Motion to Have a Public Forum On Gas Motor Use On Lost Lake – Marty said that the subject had come up last year but the board had not made a decision at that time. Wes Jaros had recently approached him requesting a discussion to allow gas motors on the lake and he let Wes know that he would recommend that the board have an open forum on the topic in the future to hear everyone's input.

- VII. **Director Reports**

A. Marty Portner – Marty welcomed Jim Brown to the board. Marty would like to respond to a question that the POA asked regarding security and whether they would be using it this year; however, he wants to hold off until the RCD starts planning the budgeting and after he talks to the security personnel. Mike Swartz researched the question that the POA had regarding boat racks but Marty doesn't think it is completely resolved and will wait to hear further from Mike before the next meeting.

B. Tim Spelde – Insurance - Tim said that the only thing that Mike had a question on was whether it was necessary to have the certificate of insurance for the POA as they already have liability insurance for 2 million dollars on their properties, which include the POA property that the boat racks are on. Marty said that it would be best if the RCD's insurance company connected with the POA's insurance company and to let the professionals tell us what to do to get maximum coverage.

Boat Rack Storage Contract - There is also the question of them renegotiating the boat rack storage contact with the POA and Mike is also working on that.

Dues and Assessments - Tim asked about the POA dues and assessments and Marty said that that was resolved and they are going to pay it.

Dredging – Tim did a rough draft of the lake survey and created a 3-5 year plan that he would like to submit to the engineering company. Tim recommends that in the meantime, they should do some small dredging projects as they can afford it, for example, he'd like to do some mechanical dredging at Schings Park this fall. Tim thinks that they can minimize the cost and maximize the amount of dredge material that they can get out of Schings Bay if they put in 4 or 5 underwater fingers to allow the machinery to crawl out and dredge that area. In his report he separated the lake into 5 different basins as they had done in the 2007 lake survey. Marty said he was anxious to get that info over to the engineer to figure out a cost estimate to

dredge the lake. Tim said that they could look at lots of options such as hydraulic dredging for the deep end of the lake with a rented hydraulic dredging machine or purchasing one like they used to own and spreading it on the acres that they own below the dam. Whatever options that they look at, they will want to try to find as close as possible a place for storing and moving the silt to save money and try to work with the POA to see if they would allow them to temporarily store silt on some of their properties. Tim asked Becky to provide Wendler with the report that he sent to the board. Marty asked Tim if he was going to use Joe Rush to advise on this and Tim said that although they use Joe extensively on the grant projects, there is a reimbursement on some of that expense and since they don't have a whole lot of money until they get some money budgeted in 2015 he wants to be cautious in how he uses Joe. Tim said that there is some money in the aquatic management budget left for this year so if the board wants Joe to review the report, they do have the money available. Marty said that he would like him to look at it so Tim said he would contact Joe on that.

Ice on the Lake/Fishing - There is about 13 inches of ice build up on the lake fishing has been good and Tim expects another good shad kill.

C. Jim Brown - Properties and Zoning – Marty asked Jim to research zoning on some of the RCD properties and Jim said that the first three properties that he requested information on are located on Oak Lane and one of them has a dock on it. Two of them, lots 12 & 13 on Oak Lane were purchased in 2003 from Katherine Hollenbeck and the other one is lot 16 and was donated by Rowlett in 2011. Three lots are located just east of the west gate – the RCD acquired those in 1999. The RCD acquired lots 18 and 19 on Park Drive in 1984. Becky said that she has the deeds at the office and Marty asked Jim and Becky to work together to put together a history on each of the RCD owned properties and how and why they acquired them.

CCWP Liaison - Jim said that he would like to be the liaison between the CCWP and the RCD and Marty said that he would be happy for him to take that on. Tim agreed.

VIII. Guest Comments

Dave Shaw – Workman's Comp Insurance – Dave asked about the workman's comp insurance and the recent rate increase. Becky said that last year the state of Illinois came down with a new rule that contractors that work for us need to provide workman's comp insurance, otherwise we have to make up the difference. The RCD is working with the contractors to share in the cost of that difference.

Dave Stewart – Lake Dredged – Dave asked when the lake last dredged and Tim stated 2003 for about \$180,000. They asked if that was for the entire lake and Tim said no. Marty said that it was dredged near Schings Park off of Babbling Brook and Becky said that contractors brought in equipment on lots 12 & 13 and mechanically dredged and removed the two islands that used to be just past the inlet off of Clear Creek. Marty added that the RCD also proactively dredges the Flagg Rd silt basin each year to help keep more of the silt from coming into the lake. They asked how deep the lake is and Tim said that it is about 14' at its deepest. They asked about grant funding and Tim said that Rebecca Olson is looking in to that possibility; Marty said that the EPA has been notified of it and are intrigued by it; however, it is a low priority for them and probably won't get funded. He asked how are they going to fund future dredging and Tim said that is why they are taking the first step in contacting Wendler Engineering to develop a 5-year plan that may include both hydraulic and mechanical dredging – they may look into applying for a special assessment to cover the costs or applying for a loan as they have in the past. The RCD gets .75 of assessed value of taxed property. They have used a hydraulic dredge in the past and can decide if they want to own or rent one at that point – whatever is most cost effective. He asked if the dredging silt can be sold and Tim said not really. Dave Shaw said that it is very sandy. Someone said that Lake Holiday had big berms built on a property out of the silt. Tim said that if they look into owning a dredge they may see some cost savings by hiring someone to run the dredge at their own pace rather than having them come in and out if they rent it. They sold the dredge that they had for \$93,000 in 2003 so Tim estimates that it would probably cost at least \$150,000. Dredging is going to be the number one expense that the RCD is going to face. They asked why the RCD sold the dredge at the time and Becky said that it was cost prohibitive for them at that time in 2003 to hydraulically dredge – they got more bang for their buck by mechanically dredging the areas that were accessible. Tim said that past boards have done a great job in mitigating the upstream silt and non-point source pollution coming in and now that they have the majority of that all finished, they are now looking at dredging again.

Betty Lou Finn – POA Use of LCC Building – Betty Lou asked about the POA's potential to use the building and Marty explained that all last year the RCD reached out to the POA to try to negotiate a mutually beneficial agreement to allow them and property owners of the POA community usage of the building. They started with a request for \$10,000 and dropped it down to \$6,000 annually, which would have given the POA and the community unlimited use of the building

for community public events and clubs; still requiring paid rentals for private parties. For some reason, the POA didn't accept that agreement so the RCD came up with a new rate schedule for all usage of the building so that they could satisfy the statute that they have to abide by. Anyone, including the POA, can use the building - there are 4 categories of rentals, one being for regular usage of the building by clubs and organizations whereby they can work out an agreed rate for rental of the building on a regular basis. Barb Schwamberger asked if the costs to manage the building have gone up and Marty said that they pretty much go up every year but have stayed consistent (at about 12,000-\$15,000 annually) for general maintenance. Barb asked why the RCD was now asking for the money (from the POA and public clubs) where they hadn't in the past. Marty said that the RCD is governed under a set of statutes, one of which states that if they are going to own and operate a building such as the LCC for public use then they have to charge fees to defray the cost to maintain the building. Marty said that RCD boards before ignored the statute and it actually came up in 2005 with the same argument but that board backed down under public pressure and continued to circumvent the law. The current board is not going to do that because the law says that they have to do it this way. He thinks that it has been a burden on the taxpayers for long enough. They obtained the building to avoid property and sales tax, which is a savings to the community members; however, it's not in the interest of the taxpayers to pay for the cost of running the building. Barb said that we are the taxpayers. Marty said that you have to understand why the law was written – it was written so that property tax money would not be used to fund the public's use of the building. Barb said so the way this could be resolved is to have the \$6,000 split among the ULLPOA property owners and Marty said yes, that is what the RCD proposed. Someone said that if the RCD had charged \$10,000, it would only cost property owners a dollar a month for unlimited usage of the building for community events and at \$6,000 it's even less – when he thinks about it. Marty said they spent countless hours emailing, meeting with the POA and corresponding with them last year and haven't gotten them to come to an agreement. Barb asked if the RCD was still willing to negotiate with the POA and Marty said yes – they have provided a pathway for that to happen. If you look at the rate schedule that they have in place, category 4 provides a route for the POA to rent the building for a negotiated rate.

Dave Shaw – Dave said that last year there were a lot of hard feelings from both boards; however, this is a new year and they need the community's support to come to an agreement. Marty said that he thinks that the RCD is open to negotiate with the POA but doesn't know if the whole POA board is ready to negotiate.

Maureen Bronkema – Why can the poker group meet at the building and Marty said that they donate the proceeds from their meetings to 501c charitable organizations. Maureen said that their group were willing to donate and Marty said that the difference is that from day one the poker group set up their club for charitable giving and the option for charitable use was not to encourage charitable giving from clubs that weren't already set up to do that; however, if they were already established for that purpose, then they can use the building for fundraising events. Marty said that they could continue to play in the library when it is open although they really shouldn't – he told her to talk to him after the meeting to see if they could work something out. Someone said that if they can work out an agreement with the POA then they won't have to worry about it and Marty added that the beauty of working out an agreement with the POA to rent the building, let's say for \$6,000, then that money stays in the community rather than going out to an outside entity for the POA to rent space. And that money will be used to pay for dredging and maintenance of the lake, which provides value to the property in the community of Lost Lake.

IX. Motion to Adjourn – Marty motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote. [02-15-03]

February 26, 2015 Motion List

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