



LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

August 13, 2013 Time: 7:00PM

- I. Call to order – Glenn Baldwin called the meeting to order at 7:03PM**
- Board Members Present:** Glenn Baldwin – President Marty Portner – Vice President
John Harris – Secretary Dennis Cantrell – Member at Large Tim Spelde – Member at Large
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Motion to Approve the Agenda –** Marty motioned to approve the agenda and Dennis seconded the motion the board approved it unanimously by roll call vote. [08-13-01]
- IV. Motion to Approve the 07/09/13 Minutes – Tabled until next meeting**
- V. Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report –** Tim questioned the cost of publishing the prevailing wage resolution, annual treasurer's report, and budget and appropriation in the newspaper and whether they can do it cheaper. Glenn said that they have looked at that in the past and the RCD is required to post the notices in a local newspaper that serves the people of the district. Glenn said that each year this comes up but they haven't come up with an alternative. Marty agreed that the cost does seem disproportionate. Dennis asked about the work that Ken Oltmanns did and Tim said that Ken installed a drain box & tile on the south side of the dam for \$400, which is helping alleviate the wash outs that they kept getting there whenever they had heavy rain. For \$700, he also moved the fiber logs and rip rap back into place that got displaced on Babbling Brook. Those two items were related to clean up after the flood. The rest of the work, which cost \$2,375, was for the installation of the steps and walkway on the dam. Marty motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [08-13-02]
- VI. Director Reports**
- A. Glenn Baldwin 1. Valdivieso – Benches -** Ivan Valdivieso contacted Glenn to ask if the RCD would consider installing some benches at some RCD properties on the east side as they like to walk around the lake and would like to sit and enjoy the beauty of it. Tim said that he was in favor of installing the benches. Marty said he would like to have Mr. Valdivieso get involved in some ideas for the board to consider such as number of benches, placement on RCD properties, size, etc. Glenn will contact Ivan about it. **LCC –** they have budgeted \$16,000 to spend on the LCC parking lot, the N. Beach turnaround, and the roof of the LCC and that the parking lot & N. Beach turnaround were going to eat up most of that. Dennis added that the parking lot is going to need to have the base recut and Tim said that he got a quote from Herbig to redo the parking lot and it was very costly. Glenn said that the money that they put into the LCC will take away from the money that they spend on the lake, which is their main charter. Marty said that they should take steps toward finding a solution & that they announced through their website and Facebook that they were entertaining ideas about what to do to defray the cost of maintaining the building but have not had much feedback from the public on that statement. Marty said that they should make a list of all the users of the building and determine if they should continue to allow them to use the building for free. He felt that private gatherings that are not sanctioned by the board should have to pay and the POA should start paying for usage of the LCC for their board meetings, committee meetings and community social events. Dennis said that he got a lot of negative feedback from people who said that it is their tax money that is paying for the building and they want it to be used for it, however, it is Dennis' opinion that even though tax money is being used to take care of the building, that shouldn't be where the money is going. Besides the yearly amount (around \$14,000) that it costs just to maintain the building, they are looking at some pretty big costs with the roof needing to be repaired at a cost of a few hundred dollars if they do a patch job to up to \$14,000 for a complete fix and the parking lot is probably going to cost around \$10,000 to redo. An audience member asked how the RCD came to own the building and Glenn said that the RCD took ownership of the building so that the POA could avoid having to pay taxes on it. Frank Durkin said that he is under the assumption that the RCD is supposed to run according to a specific state regulation and that they need to define that regulation and make sure that they are following it. Don Finn said that the POA has to pay property taxes on any buildings that they own and if they were to take over the LCC they would have to pay taxes on it. Glenn said that 90% of the usage of the building is POA related either through their meetings or through community functions that take place and that the RCD would have to approach the POA on this, but he was wondering if the POA would give them \$10,000 a year to help maintain the building. That way the RCD would still maintain the building and

would come up with the rest of the money to maintain it. The POA can regulate their dues, like they did on when they had the bridge fixed, to cover that cost while the RCD cannot increase the amount in taxes that they get. The board agreed that this would be a good option and that they will talk to the POA about this possibility. Glenn asked Dennis about the condition of the roof and he answered that if it was his to do he would redo the whole thing, however, the east side is worse off than the west side and needs it more if they had to choose to do something cheaper. Marty said that Glenn's suggestion of an agreement with the POA is a good one; however, if it falls through they could look at implementing a "plan z" of divesting themselves of the property, putting it up for auction to whoever will buy it. Tim and John said that they would have a problem with implementing plan z and Marty said that they have to be willing to do it. Tim said that anything that the RCD owns they aren't going to make money on such as the campgrounds and the building. Tim said that charging groups such as the fishing club \$50 to hold their meetings is not going to recoup their money. Marty said that fishing club has had a strong relationship with the RCD with investing money and volunteer labor in helping with lake projects and they could craft a policy that would give groups like that a break on the rental rates. Tim said that they aren't going to get \$7,000 from charging the various groups for usage of the building. Don Finn said that he would go back to his board and tell them of the RCD's idea and Glenn said that they should wait to see what the POA's response is to it. Frank said that for the first time he is seeing synergy between the POA and RCD boards for a common reason – enhancement of this community and he is encouraged by it. Glenn said that he is inclined to do the east side of the roof and he said that they will have to go out to bid for it.

B. Dennis Cantrell – Dennis said that this is his last meeting and it has been a pleasure working with the board. There is an ALS walk in Rockford that his wife, Cindi, is raising money for and he is going to use the remainder of his per diem account to donate to that cause. Glenn said that Dennis has done so much for the community and they would miss him on the board.

C. John Harris – John thanked Dennis for all the things that he has done. No Report

D. Tim Spelde –Security Issue at the Campground - at 2:00AM one night, the security camera caught footage of a group of 19-24 year olds partying down at the campground, leaving beer cans all over and tipping over the portapotty. Jack has turned over all of the information that he has to the Ogle County sheriff because there is nothing more that he can legally do. Tim will follow up with security on this. **Campground Path, Step at Dam**– The path that Michael Stocksdale helped create was resurfaced with some of the free POA rock after the damage that it incurred from the flood. Oltmanns installed steps and a platform at the dam as well. **Fire Pit** - Ron Berger is going to donate some rocks from his property to create a fire pit at the campground. **Walk Down of Dam** – at 3:30 on Thursday they have scheduled a walk down of the dam with Dick Baumann from Wendler Engineering. **Fish stocking** – Tim will be ordering fish for this fall, stocking walleye, muskie, small-mouth bass, and hybrid stripers. **Joe Rush report** – Joe did a survey of the lake when he was out for the grant meeting and Tim said that the board has to decide whether they want to have Joe out to give a presentation of his findings or if they just want a written report. John said that he'd like to see the report first and then if they have further questions they could ask him to speak. **Shoreline of RCD property to the left of west beach** – Tim has scheduled Ken Oltmanns to stabilize the shoreline to the left of the west beach and to stabilize the ditch that is draining into the lake from that point. **Flagg Rd Silt Basin Clean Out** - Tim is going to schedule a clean out of the Flagg Rd silt basin this fall, especially since they didn't do it last fall. **Realtor Luncheon** - Tim said that the realtor meeting was successful and Glenn represented the RCD well. Sue thanked the RCD for getting the LCC and grounds cleaned up for the event. Glenn said that the video that the POA had put together was great. **Culvert under Mississippi, Stabilization of Stream at Campground with Clean Concrete** - Jeff Winterland gave Tim a bid on putting in a culvert on Mississippi to divert the run off of water to a culvert system instead of going into the lake. He also gave a bid on installing large pieces of clean concrete along the stream that runs north of the campground to stabilize the stream bank there.

E. Marty Portner – Septic Fields Affecting Lake Water – Last meeting, John Harris brought up the question of septic fields and any affect they might have on the quality of the lake water. Marty spoke with Ron Harmon, head of the water and sanitation offices of the Ogle County, whose office is located in Rochelle. Marty said that Ron gave him some pretty good insight as to why the beaches need to be closed due to e-coli and that it is likely animal related. If the water was being contaminated by faulty septic systems, the tests from the DPH would come back stating that it is human e-coli. There is a difference in that and animal related such as what comes from geese on the lake and cows, and fertilizer from upstream. If it did come back as a human source then his department would get involved by doing triangulation testing to

find the most likely source. He said that he is familiar with our area and is sure that 99.9% of our problems are animal and not human related. Marty said that if they wanted to enlist the services of Joe Rush to help determine that it is animal and not human waste so that they are 100% sure, they could do so. Marty said that he will talk to Shawn and Becky about what feedback they get back from the DPH. **Security Cameras** – the surveillance cameras will be arriving at Marty's house and Shawn will be installing them. **Schings Park Stabilization Linear Footage Correction** – it should only be a lesser amount not the whole 1,191 feet - .they will have Becky resubmit the bid request. **Craig Pence Lot** - has a lot about 4 lots north of lot 16 that he wants to stabilize.

VII. New Business

A. Barb Lundeen – Permission to Use LCC for Art Show – After the pancake breakfast on November 8th, Barb would like to host an arts and crafts show with a silent auction to benefit Pennies for Parks and is asking if the RCD board would waive the \$50 building rental fee for the event since it is for a charitable cause. The main goal of the show is to showcase the artistic and crafty talents of community members and to raise money for Pennies for Parks through a silent auction. Participants of the show would donate an item for the silent auction and also display some of the work that they do. They may not sell anything onsite, however, they can display their business cards for people to take to contact them on purchasing items later. The board agreed to allow her to have the event and to waive the fee with the contingency that there would be no sales taking place onsite.

B. Motion to Approve the FY2013-2014 Tax Levy – (See attachment 1) - Dennis motioned to approve the FY2013-2014 tax levy and John seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [08-13-03]

C. Motion to Approve Payment of \$1,305.67 to Focus Design & Communications for Website – They went over budget on the amount budgeted to design the website by \$105 because Marty had Rick do some extra work such as set up new e-mail accounts, register their domain name and make their Facebook page match up with the site. Marty is willing to take the overage out of his per diem account if necessary. Marty motioned to pay the final bill of \$1,305.67 to Focus Design for the website design and Facebook update and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-13-04]

D. Motion to Approve Annual Insurance Premium Payment of \$4,723 – Glenn told the board that they reduced their insurance cost by about \$4,000 by finding a different insurance carrier. John motioned to approve the annual insurance premium of \$4,723 and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously.[08-13-05]

VIII. Guest Comments

Rich Frueh - Dog Park – Lot No. 16 on Oak Ln. – Rich and Deb own property across from lot 16 has many objections to put in a dog park across from his property. The board was not aware of considering that area for a park, rather they were looking at somewhere near the campground. Marty will get their e-mail address after the meeting and keep them apprised of their decision when it comes up.

Frank Durkin – 1st Annual Kayak Regatta – a year ago 4 teenagers, Zach Durkin, Jimmy Taylor, Austin Trevino, and Kailey Woolard, came to Frank with the idea to have a Kayak Regatta on Lost Lake. They, Frank, and some of their parents, along with Becky from Pennies for Parks, formed a committee to help that idea become a reality. In one month they are going to have their first annual Kayak Regatta to benefit Pennies for Parks to take place on September 14th at the West Beach. Kailey read off a statement asking that the following items be addressed regarding the maintenance of the West Beach before the regatta: geese droppings cleaned up, broken ropes replaced or repaired, add a truckload of sand to the beach, barbeque pit needs addressing, and the picnic tables need cleaning and staining/painting. Members of the kayak regatta committee are willing to pitch in to help clean up. Frank is also asking for donations from various businesses, organizations, and people in the Lost Lake community, in Dixon, and in Oregon. Wal-Mart and Ace Hardware are making a donation, Frank will be going to Oregon next. He realizes that the RCD cannot make charitable donations due to government regulations, that is why he is asking for each board member to make a small donation. Glenn and John said they might participate.

Jeff Winterland - Schings Park & Oak Lane Lot 16 Stabilization – Jeff asked about the stabilization of Schings Park and Glenn said that they are still planning to have it stabilized – they will have to have it rebid. He asked if the area was considered part of the main area of the lake or the bay area of the lake because in the SOP, the bay area requires only 9 inches of rip rap while the main lake area requires 16 inches. Tim will get an answer from Joe Rush on that. He also wants to know what the bedding class needs to be.

IX. Motion to Adjourn – Tim motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35PM and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-13-06]

8/13/2013 Motion List

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ATTACHMENT 1

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING THE TAXES
OF THE LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RIVER CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
MAY 1, 2013 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2014**

WHEREAS, on the 13th of June, 2013, the Board of Trustees, of the LOST NATION / NEW LANDING RIVER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, Ogle County, Illinois, passed the Annual Appropriation Ordinance of said District for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2013, and ending April 30, 2014, and upon said date, the said Ordinance was duly signed and approved by the President of the Board of Trustees of said District, and signed by the Secretary of said Board of Trustees; thereafter on the 25th day of June, 2013, said Ordinance was duly published in the Dixon Telegraph Newspaper being a newspaper within the general circulation in said River Conservancy District.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Trustees of the LOST NATION / NEW LANDING RIVER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, Ogle County, Illinois;

SECTION 1: That the sum of ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT DOLLARS (145168.00) be, and the same is hereby assessed and levied from and against all taxable property within the limits of said LOST NATION / NEW LANDING RIVER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, as the same is assessed and equalized for State and County purposes for the current fiscal year of said River Conservancy District commencing May 1, 2013, and ending April 30, 2014, and to be applied in liquidation of the appropriations heretofore made by Ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees of said River Conservancy District at a meeting thereof regularly convened and held on June 13, 2012, and duly published as provided by law; the various objects and purposes, for which said appropriations were heretofore made, are set forth under column entitled "Appropriated" and the specific amount hereby levied for each object and purpose is as set forth under the column entitled "Levied" as follows:

**GENERAL, ADMINISTRATIVE
AND OPERATING EXPENSE**

		APPROPRIATED	LEVIED
Administration			
Licenses, Membership, Permits	\$ 100.00		
Miscellaneous	\$ 900.00		
Per Diem	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Education		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Insurance - Fire, extended		\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
Lake and Beach Maintenance			
Beach	\$ 1,000.00		
Dam	\$ 1,000.00		
Dock, Boat & Lake equip. & Lake Plants	\$ 2,000.00		
Fish	\$ 8,600.00		
Silt and bank erosion control	\$ 55,000.00		
Stabilization Rebate Program	\$ 8,500.00		
Upper Babbling Brook (Grant Funded)	\$ 284,275.00		
Watershed Partnership	<u>\$ 19,500.00</u>	\$ 379,875.00	\$ 41,100.00
Land and Building			
Mowing/Grounds Maintenance	\$ 7,000.00		
Pop Machine Supplies	\$ 600.00		
Repairs and updates (Grounds)	\$ 16,000.00		
Repairs and updates (LCC)	\$ 2,000.00		
Snow Removal	\$ 750.00		
Supplies (Grounds)	\$ 1,000.00		
Supplies (LCC)	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	\$ 28,350.00	\$ 14,350.00
Office Supply and Postage			
Equipment and Supplies	\$ 2,000.00		
Postage and Delivery	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Printing and Communication		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Professional Fees			
Aquatic management	\$ 6,500.00		
Grant Writing	\$ 7,000.00		
Legal	\$ 1,000.00		
Other (engineer, wildlife cont., clerical)	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 19,500.00
Reserve Accounts		\$ 125,510.19	\$ 13,288.00
Security		\$ 6,330.00	\$ 6,330.00
Travel		\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Utilities			
Garbage	\$ 2,100.00		
Gas and electric	\$ 6,000.00		
Portapotty	\$ 1,600.00		
Telephone	\$ 1,350.00		
Water and Sewer	<u>\$ 700.00</u>	\$ 11,750.00	\$ 11,750.00
Volunteer Outreach		\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Wages		\$ 24,050.00	\$ 24,000.00

APPROPRIATED**LEVIED**

TOTAL GENERAL CORPORATE EXPENDITURE	\$ 605,715.19	\$ 145,168.00
Levied from the tax for general corporate purposes		
TORT IMMUNITY INSURANCE FUND	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Tort immunity – Liability		
Levied from the proceeds of special liability insurance tax, in addition to all other River Conservancy District taxes.		
ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDIT FUND		
Annual report and audit	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Levied from the proceeds of special annual report and audit tax, in addition to all other River Conservancy District taxes.		
SUMMARY		
General Corporate Expenditure		\$ 140,688.00
Tort Immunity Insurance Fund		\$ 4,000.00
Annual Report and Audit Fund		\$ 500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 145,168.00

SECTION 2: That the Secretary is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Ordinance with the County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois within the time specified by law.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as required by law.

SECTION 4: That the County Clerk of Ogle County may levy and collect taxes for the current year at a rate not in excess of 0.75% of the value of all taxable property within the District as equalized or assessed by the Department of Local Government Affairs.

PASSED: August 13, 2013

APPROVED: August 13, 2013

/s/ Glenn Baldwin

Glenn Baldwin, President

/s/ John Harris

John Harris, Secretary

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