



# LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

## May 5, 2009 Time: 7:00PM

### I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Marty called the May 5, 2009 RCD meeting to order at 7:05PM

#### Board Members Present –

Marty Portner	– President	Steve Larry	– Vice President
Betty Lou Finn	– Member at Large	Glenn Baldwin	– Member at Large
Dennis Cantrell	– Newest Board Member		

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

### III. Motion to Approve Agenda – Glenn motioned to approve the agenda and Betty Lou seconded the motion. Marty requested moving Election of Officers to item IX. on the agenda. Glenn withdrew his motion and motioned to approve the agenda with the rearrangement of New Business item A. Motion to Elect Officers to item IX. and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-09-01]

### IV. Motion to Approve the 3/7/2009 and 4/7/2009 Minutes - Tabled

### V. Review and Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report – \$756.50 to Supreme Cleaners for cleaning of the LCC Carpet; \$600 to Wes's Tree Service for 4 Snow Removals; Betty Lou motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-09-02]

### VI. New Business

**A. Motion to Accept Tentative FY2009-2010 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (Order to be filed for public inspection for 30 days) –** Marty said that the arithmetic that they used to arrive at the stabilization rebate figure of \$64,750 was: \$35 per linear foot times 3700 feet divided by 2. If they have money left in the budget after all of the Phase 1 participants have been reimbursed, Marty would like to use it toward payouts to Phase 2 people that want to do their shoreline stabilization sooner. Betty Lou asked about the \$28,500 budgeted for Grant Matching and Watershed Planning and wondered if they have a vision on the horizon that they are going to receive the grants. Steve said that right now they have a 319 grant request out that they received some positive feedback on. The \$8,500 is for watershed planning that Rebecca Olson will be involved in, and although funds won't be available initially, there may be some tag on funds that they can get through the grant writing process through watershed planning and will be money well spent if they can get the local property owners in our watershed to start managing their land. Betty Lou recalls Rebecca Olson quoting the amount of \$15,000 for grant writing services but that they could perhaps defray those costs by using volunteers in the community with grant writing experience. Marty said that yes they did in the beginning, however, when he pursued it with three individuals in the community, he realized that it doesn't break down in a tidy way because the person that does the research and networking and then ties it all together is doing the brunt of the work and the writing of the actual grants is trivial in comparison and would end of being more effort for Rebecca to convey all the information that needs to go into the grants to another person to write it. Steve said that they have only budgeted \$10,000 for grant writing this year and that he directed Rebecca to only go after those grants that have at least a 75% chance of them getting. Marty said that they hired Rebecca to do grant writing initially and then her job morphed into watershed planning as well because they need to have a watershed plan to help get some of the grants. Steve said that although they budgeted \$8,500 for watershed planning, however, he is hoping to push as much of that onto the NRCS as possible since they already know the local owners. Steve doesn't feel that they should be writing blank checks and that it is his responsibility to manage her (Rebecca's) time and make sure that it is directed in the right way. Marty said that the \$20,000 is for matching of funds that they might receive from grants. Steve asked about the

\$40,000 reserved for dredging and Marty said that that was the reserve that they had for future lake dredging. Betty Lou asked if that was enough and Marty said no, they usually have to borrow a significant amount of money to get it done. This time they would probably have it orchestrated by an engineering firm whereas in the past the RCD had volunteers who helped and that worked well, however, they just can't get anyone with enough experience who is willing to take on such a project again. Although Jerry is going to coordinate it, they are going to have professionals come in and do it and they will be able to use the bathymetric survey information that they have on file to help. Don Finn said that it cost about \$165,000 in 2003 to dredge the lake and he worked on the figures last year and came up with an estimated cost of over \$240,000-\$250,000. He suggested that the RCD should set aside money each year to build up the reserve dredging account and that they are going to need to dredge pretty soon or in the next couple years they are going to have a lily pond in parts of it instead of a lake. Dennis said that shoreline stabilization will help lessen the amount that they will need to dredge in the future and Steve said that they want to make sure that they have funds for the engineering of the silt basin because they'd like to get that done in the next 12 months and the silt basin needs to be done before they dredge. Becky asked the board whether they would like to see the engineering services for the dredging program and silt basin come out of those line items or out of the Professional Services, Other: Engineering line item and Marty said the Professional Services line item. Becky recommended that they move some of the money budgeted for dredging and silt basin into the professional services line item to cover those expenditures. Marty asked Jerry what he estimated the engineering costs would be for dredging and silt basin and he didn't have a number for dredging, however he estimated \$16,000 for the silt basin. Marty suggested that they move \$15,000 from the Lake Dredge line item and move it to Professional services: Other to increase it to \$20,000 to cover the engineering costs. Glenn asked Becky to explain the line items that refer to the contemplated expenditures vs. the cash on hand and the expected income and she did so. Marty read the first paragraphs of the Tentative LNNLRCD FY2009-2010 budget and Appropriation aloud:

“AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING SUCH SUMS OF MONEY AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAY ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RIVER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING May 1, 2009 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2010, AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE, AND THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR EACH OBJECT OR PURPOSE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Lost Nation-New Landing River Conservancy District of Illinois.

SECTION 1. That the following sums of money in the total amount of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE AND 53/100 DOLLARS (\$288,345.53) or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of the Lost Nation-New Landing River Conservancy District of Illinois as hereinafter specified for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2009, and ending April 30, 2010.”

Mike Robinson asked if what they are voting on would cause a tax increase for next year and Marty said no; the money for the budget is from cash on hand and taxes that have already been assigned to be collected for this year. Robert Stocksdales asked about the amount budgeted for the stabilization rebate program and whether that includes the RCD's property and Marty said that that is a completely different line item. Steve motioned to accept the Tentative FY2009-2010 Budget and Appropriation with the change of Lake Dredge to \$25,000 and Professional Services: Other to \$20,000 and ordered that it be filed for public inspection for 30 days and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved them motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-09-03]

**B. Motion to Approve Resolution Calling Public Hearing on Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (Order Notice of Hearing to be published in Local Newspaper one week prior) – Steve motioned to**

approve a resolution calling a public hearing on the budget and appropriation ordinance on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM and to order notice of the hearing to be published in a local newspaper one week prior to the hearing and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-09-04]

**C. Motion to Approve Continued Use of Current Accountant or Propose New One** – Betty Lou motioned to continue using the Lindgren, Callahan, and VanOsdel Accounting Firm for the RCD and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-09-05]

**D. Steve – RCD Ordinance Chapter V, Section B – Propose Raising Contracts Needing Approval by Board Raised from \$500 to \$1000** – Steve motioned to amend the RCD Ordinance, Chapter V Section B by raising the amount needing approval by a motion of the board from over \$500 to over \$1,000 and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-09-06]

## **VII. Employee / Committee / Consultant Reports**

### **A. Jerry Sellers - LMC/Aquatic Management Update**

**1. Silt Basin** – The silt that was dewatering at the Flagg Road Silt Basin is being cleaned up right now by Nordman excavating. The Lowden boy scout camp is doing some fill for some work that they are doing and so Nordman is taking the silt to them rather than putting it on the RCD's 23 acre site, which means a cost savings for the RCD.

**2. Shoreline Stabilization** – the shoreline stabilization program is moving forward – the next step is to get the packets put together that will be mailed to the individuals in phase 1.

**Dredging** – there were 4 engineering firms that expressed an interest in helping the RCD with their dredging program, three of which the RCD will pursue – one of which the RCD eliminated due to their experience only in very large projects and because of the distance of their location. The three other companies have been contacted to set up a date for a site visit and have been given the bathometric survey that was done a few years ago. They are trying to pursue an alternative for hydraulic dredging, which they haven't been able to do successfully in the past – they would like to have that as an option as opposed to mechanical dredging only. The drawbacks are that you have to have a site to pump the slurry to and then it has to sit and dewater before you can move it elsewhere and the dewatering enclosure may be of significant size.

**VLMP** - Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a 3-4 hr training session of the VLMP members at the LCC. The VLMP program was in danger of being changed from a Tier 3 level to a Tier 2, but thanks to the intercession of Joe Rush to Sandy Nichols and the accuracy of the data – it was some of the best data in the state.

**Frank Durkin – Goose Control/Aquatic Plantings** – Frank submitted the results of the 2009 goose control program to the DNR. 11 nests were involved with a total of 44 eggs. The program has been effective and so they are going to evaluate the results to decide whether they will need to continue the program next year or whether they can skip a year. Frank is purchasing plants (4 each of water lily, pickerel and cat tail) from Wildlife Nurseries for Jerry Sellers, John Mulholland, Gerry Skyles and Frank to plant in the lake over by Tim Spelde's house, in front of Gerry Skyles home and off of the West Beach. They will be using fencing to protect around the plants until they are mature enough to sustain themselves. The reason they chose pickerel and cattail is because they are not as attractive to beaver or muskrat and they have a biological filtering aspect. Steve asked how prolific the plants are in terms of how quickly they grow and spread and Frank said that they will be able to see the growth in 4-6 weeks – there may be a problem with the lilies when they drop the lake, however the other two plants will survive in the mud and water that will remain. Steve asked how far the cat tails spread – Frank said that it depends on how many you plant – they have not gotten that information yet because they wanted to see if they were successful in planting them and having them survive – if they survive then they can determine

how much of an acreage they want to include of the various species. Dennis said that if Steve is concerned about the cattails taking over, they don't usually go into deeper water, rather only marshy areas. Frank said that cattails will grow in 2-3 feet of water while pickerel will grow in 3-4 feet of water and that they will be able to control both species.

Marty thanked Frank and Jerry on behalf of the board for what they have been doing and the great amount of responsibility that they have taken on.

**Shoreline Stabilization Rebate Program** - Betty Lou asked if they know how many people are signing up for Phase 1 of stabilization and Marty said that they don't have that yet, however, in the letter that is enclosed with the packet, they are going to add language to motivate an early response from the property owners. Steve asked when Phase 1 is supposed to be completed and Marty said late fall and they don't have to wait for the lake to be lowered to have the work done. Jerry said that by June 10<sup>th</sup> the East Boat Landing should be taken care of so that there will be an example for people to see and hopefully it will motivate them.

**B. Steve Larry - Grant Program Update** – The watershed planning committee is scheduled to meet on June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7-9:00PM at the LCC. Rebecca will be sending out a preliminary letter to the participants to remind them of the meeting – she is the facilitator and will be working with Dan Pierce and Dave Meisenheimer with the NRCS to come up with the agenda. That meeting will be their first; it will be an organization meeting in which they will be electing a chairperson and setting up their path forward.

- VIII. Guest Comments – Jerry Sellers** – Jerry asked what role security would play in terms of the boat and going out onto the lake. Marty is supposed to meet with Sue Hill and security on that. Jerry said that it would be great if the security officers want to get into the boat to make security rounds, that he would be a proponent of it, however, he would just ask that he is made aware of it because there is a box with gas and a plug that needs to be cared for and that they should ensure that there is no overlap with the VLMP's usage. Steve asked Robert Stocksdales whether the fishing club had moved forward on manning the gates and Robert said that they will have volunteers manning the gates on holidays.

**Mike Robinson** – Mike said that the POA is very impressed with the security and what they have been doing and that they have incorporated having security in their rules and regulations and he wondered, do they have to state that in their regulations that the RCD is going to have security go on a boat to do patrols and Marty said that the RCD established the hours ahead of time that security will devote to RCD activities and that the lake would be treated the same as other RCD properties in terms of security and so there is nothing special that they have to do to authorize them to patrol that (they are still within the RCD's jurisdiction).

**Don Finn** – The POA got the paperwork from Fischer and they are ready to go. Steve asked if they are doing the work at the same time as the RCD and Don Finn said that he received an e-mail from Joe Rush that stated that he was coordinating the POA's work with that of the RCD.

- IX. Motion to Elect Officers** – Glenn motioned to elect Steve Larry as President, Glenn as Vice President, Betty Lou Finn as Secretary and Rebecca Breckenfelder as Treasurer and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-09-07]
- X. Recess to Executive Session – Personnel – Employee Reviews** – Marty motioned to recess to executive session at 8:31PM and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-09-08]
- XI. Reconvene Meeting -**
- A. (Possible) Motion(s) To Approve Compensation Adjustments for Employees** – Steve motioned to raise Rebecca Breckenfelder's hourly wage to \$16 effective immediately and Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-09-09]

- XII. Motion to Adjourn Meeting** – Glenn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:53PM and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-09-10]

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