



LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

January 15, 2015 Time: 6:00PM

I. Call to order – Marty called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

Board Members Present – Marty Portner – President Tim Spelde – Secretary

Board Members Absent – Glenn Baldwin – Vice President

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Motion to Approve the Agenda - Tim motioned to approve the agenda with New Business item B. Use of 17 Acres off of Flagg Rd. and Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote. [01-15-01]

IV. Motion to Approve the 11/11/14 and 12/9/14 minutes - Tabled

V. Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report – The RCD made another large payout to Martin and Company for work related to the grant. Since the December report, the RCD has received another grant reimbursement from the EPA. They paid the POA for a security through November 12th. Tim motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report and Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote. [01-15-02]

VI. Director Reports

A. Marty Portner – The POA sent the RCD three correspondences during the month of December – one regarding the boat racks at the end of Park Drive, one dealing with security, and a third was an invoice for \$402 for Dues and Assessments on the lots that we own. Marty said that they will not address any of those issues tonight because they only have 2 board members present and he wants to make sure that they have the input of more minds in the decision making process. Tim said that he would probably go to the next POA board meeting because he is curious as to why they want the RCD to pay dues now. Marty said that he wants to at least try to develop a cordial relationship with the POA and that he reached out to the POA board about setting up a meeting to discuss things that they might like to discuss but hasn't gotten a response yet.

B. Tim Spelde – Ice Fishing - There is about 5 inches of ice and so the ice fishing activity has started; however, our lake is like a river so you have to be careful when you go out there.. The ice fishing is going well.

Dredging - Tim wants to develop a team to create a long-term dredging plan, complete the dredging survey, and get a dredging plan from the engineering firm. Pennies for Parks is waiting to hear about the method of dredging that the RCD plans to do around Oak Lane Park and, if the RCD can get permission from the POA to temporarily store silt on their contiguous lots, Pennies for Parks could establish the adult fitness park and walking path on RCD property while still allowing the RCD to mechanically dredge the area. Don Finn and Rick Kennay have offered to be a part of that team. Marty asked Tim if he still had a team working on the depth survey and Tim said yes, he can still some of the areas that he needs to take readings on through the ice; however, some of the areas aren't quite ready as they just closed up a week ago so there is probably only an inch or two of ice there. Once they finish the survey, they will get the info to the engineer for some recommendations. It's going to be a very expensive, long-term project but once they complete the upstream stabilization work that is their next long-term goal. This next dredging program will be the last time that they will have to dredge the lake before they will see the benefits of all of the money, time, and effort spent on the filter strip installation, upstream stabilization and remeandering of the stream bank on Babbling Brook that was done. Tim said that last month a property owner asked about the lowering of the lake in the fall and Tim said that perhaps they could take the opportunity to mechanically dredge this fall; they would want to look at the timeframe of when that gentleman wanted to do that and make sure that it doesn't impact their fishery. Tim asked about when they planned on lowering the lake and Marty said the soft-date planned was to lower it

on April 1st this year to help; lessen the affects of spring thaw and rains on the lake. Tim would like to look at lowing it in the fall this year as well, after they close the beaches. Shawn has limited plowing of the dam to one swipe down the center so that they are not pushing the gravel too far along the sides; it also allows for more snow for the snowmobilers to access that area. **Dave Strasemeier** said that when they mechanically dredged in 2003, he recalled that they didn't have a spot to put the dredgings and Tim said that once they take the boards down to dredge, there will be a lot of exposed silt at Schings Park that they can just pile on Schings Park and allow it to dewater before moving it to the 17 acre property on Flagg Rd. The silt is such a sandy consistency that it will dry in a relatively short time. Tim would like to take small measures and budget what they can to get some of the silt out a little at a time until they can embark on a larger scale program. He doesn't think that they are in a position to hydraulically dredge at this point and that is where the engineers will come in but they can clean up a few spots here and there. Dave asked about the silt and its usefulness and Tim said that builders have used it as fill on their projects and anything left they could take up to the 17 acres that they own.

Jeff McKinley – Talked to the Ogle County SWCS about installing filter strips along the lake and they said that there is no reimbursement for that unless it the property is zoned agricultural.

Fishing Club Bulletin Board – Frank and Tim are going to be updating the Fishing Club's bulletin board.

VII. New Business

A. Maureen Bronkema – Request for Key to Library – The POA said that they would pay a deposit for her to have a key to the library. Last Wednesday and this Wednesday she had issues with getting in and out of the library and it is inconvenient that Maureen doesn't have a key to get in there. Marty said that he was concerned with the security of the office equipment being accessible when an RCD board member or Becky is not there and Maureen said that the office has been in the library now for 3 years and there hasn't been any issue with RCD property being compromised. Tim asked if the RCD files can be locked up and Becky said that she locks up the files that have sensitive information. Tim said that he doesn't have a problem with Maureen having a key. Marty told Maureen to fill out an application along with the \$100 deposit and they will issue her a key with the understanding that it is to be used to open the library only.

B. Use of 17 Acres off of Flagg Rd. – Jeff brought an idea to the board about potentially using the 17 acres to store some equipment and rock material on the 5 acres that is behind the hill where the old quarry was on the property. There is already a lane built through the property to access the area that he is talking about. Tim said that he is open to the idea; however, he thinks that the request should formally come from Jeff. Jeff was more interested in buying it rather than renting it. Marty said that he would like Jeff to consider leasing if he brings some agreement proposals to the RCD because selling an asset can be complicated for the RCD as it would have to go to a public auction. Jeff was concerned with leasing as the RCD could incorporate changes down the road and Marty said that if he wanted that in the contract, Jeff would just have to include that in there so that that wouldn't happen to him.

VIII. Old Business –

A. Expanding Office – Marty said that due to their limited finances, now would not be the best time to discuss updating the office.

B. Year in Review Mailing – Instead of doing a mailing this year, Marty is going to focus his efforts into the website, reestablish *the Watershed* publication and perhaps put it in an audio format.

IX. Guest Comments – Carla Anderson - New Board Members Mike Swartz and Jim Brown are the latest board member candidates that are open for being appointed to the board by the county. They will know next week what the official word is on that.

X. Motion to Adjourn – Tim motioned to adjourn at 6:31PM and Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-15-03]

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