



LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD
June 7, 2007 Meeting Time: 7:00PM

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – Marty called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Board Members Present:

Marty Portner	-	President	Dan Dummett	-	Vice President
Betty Lou Finn	-	Member at Large	Tina Trevino	-	Newest Member

Board Members Absent:

Herb Hill	Secretary
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- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

- III. **Welcome Newest Board Member, Tina Trevino** – Tina introduced herself to the community.

- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Tina motioned to approve the agenda. Dan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-07-01]

- V. **Motions to Approve the April 27, May 03, and May 23, 2007 RCD Minutes** – Betty Lou motioned to approve the April 27th meeting minutes. Dan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-07-02] Dan motioned to approve the May 3rd meeting minutes. Tina seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-07-03] Betty Lou motioned to approve the May 23rd meeting minutes. Tina seconded the motion. The motion passed with Marty, Betty Lou, and Tina in favor of it and Dan abstaining from the vote. [06-07-04]

- VI. **Treasurer's Report** – \$68,328.41 in checking and savings as of May 31, 2007. CD matured and closed with \$51,315.57 put into the money market. RCD paid \$3,019.19 to Virginia Surety for Workman's Comp., \$222.55 to Menards for supplies related to clean-up day, several boat sticker refunds were made, \$1,072.58 to Northern Contracting for 1/3 of the guardrail, \$155 paid to Audio Video for a rental of equipment and parts & installation labor for extra work performed. Marty said that the work performed by Audio Video Connection was modifying the jack in the back to the correct connector and fixing the attenuation on some of the speakers. Dan motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-07-05]

- VII. **Joe Gargano**

A. Reconsider Funding Agreement for New Sound System & Landscape Material

-Joe read off the following statement:

"At the March LNPOA board meeting, after considerable debate, the LNPOA voted to not share in the purchase of the new sound system. What is disturbing, is that at the May 12th board meeting Dave Strasemeier stated that since the March meeting he had been made aware of a previous agreement made by a board member to share in the funding and he wanted to vote on the matter again. This, in spite of the fact that two of the board members that had expressed their opposition, Marilyn Mancini and Mick Kazmerski, were both absent and that no one has the authority to make such an agreement without prior board approval. After the May 12th board meeting, after the board had voted to pay for 1/3 of the cost of the new sound system as well as share in the purchase of landscape material, Joe made the following statement:

"I express my concern about the POA boards sharing the expense of the new sound system and landscape material. He said that he had just received his tax bill and everyone can see that the RCD is one of the highest taxing bodies and they also have a

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significant amount of cash on the books and are due to receive approximately \$140,000 of tax revenue this year. When he was on the board they spent approximately \$60-70,000 on building improvements without asking the POA's to contribute. He feels that it is just a political decision and that Marty should recommend to the RCD board to reimburse the POA's the money for the sound system and the landscape material and that they should provide Cyndi Cantrell and her committee a budget of \$2,000-3,000 for beautification around the rec. center. He feels that the shared funding is a matter of manipulating the community's finances to promote a political agenda, which he feels is unethical. All improvements on RCD property should be fully funded by the RCD." At the LNPOA meeting, Joe then appealed to Marty to recommend to the RCD board to reimburse the POA's. Bob Klein, the LNPOA board president, asked Marty if he would like to reply and he stated the he disagreed."

Joe said that the RCD has always been looked up to in this community, staying above the fray and out of political issues, even borrowing money to achieve some of their goals and projects. The POA's originally donated the land and building to the RCD, and especially with the current political atmosphere, he doesn't think that there is any financial need for this to occur. He stated that whatever the board's personal political beliefs are, that they should stay out of the political issues, they don't have to be promoted through the RCD board. He added that it is a taxing body, similar to a park district, and there is more than sufficient funds to pay for all improvements on RCD property to maintain the integrity of the organization. Joe requested that the board reconsider the agreement and reimburse both POAs for their share of the sound system and the beautification of the Lake Court Center.

Mick Kazmerski stated that he is in total agreement with Joe. He is on the LNPOA board, however, he was not at the LNPOA's May meeting and he intends to continue to pursue the issue because he thinks that the LNPOA board's actions were inappropriate. If the boards are going to go in together on a venture, it should be done openly with each board's full consent; one single board member does not have the authority to commit the POA's to participate in the purchase of a large item. If it isn't resolved, he doesn't anticipate that the issue is over as far as his board is concerned.

Ralph Petersen said that assessments and taxes should not be mixed.

Betty Lou asked if, with regard to the funds that Joe feels should be awarded to Cyndi Cantrell, was it something that she took her own initiative to beautify the area or was she asked by the RCD board to do it. Joe said that he is not aware of it, however, while he was on the board, when they were overseeing the improvements on to the building, Herb Hill and he had discussed spending \$1,000-2,000, and had commented that with some volunteer help, they could do wonders with the building.

Marty said that from what he has heard, it is not so much the RCD's role in the situation, rather, their beef is with their own POA for voting to hand the money over to the RCD. Joe said that he is asking the RCD board to distance themselves because of the political atmosphere in the community and he especially found it surprising when he read in the May newsletter that the project was being shared by all three POA boards prior to the May meeting when they voted on it because as of May, when he wrote the Watershed,

they had voted not to fund it. Marty said that when he wrote that, he was expressing his desire that that be the situation and he shouldn't have said that.

Joe said that he thought it was highly unethical that they (the LNPOA board) brought that issue up again after they had discussed it and voted it down at the March meeting...something has been transpiring behind the scenes. The RCD board had always distanced themselves from political issues. Marty said that he doesn't get Joe's reference to a political tie-in. He knows that there are a lot of theories about a political motivation for

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things but he just looks at it as peaceful cooperation.

Marty said that he is empathetic to what Joe is saying and he will be a lot more circumspect about such arrangements in the future, however, he feels that Joe's beef is with the LNPOA board and that the LNPOA board, out of their own free will, voted to fund 1/3 of the cost of the PA system. He is not going to motion to make any compensatory action at this time. He will be a lot more circumspect about doing things like this in the future, however, it doesn't mean that he totally agrees with Joe's analysis of the situation.

Mike Robinson said that it is his understanding that the RCD went to some people on the POA boards and said that they were thinking of installing the sound system and would they possibly be willing to participate.

Tina said that she would just like to see everyone get along.

Dan said that for many years the community has precipitated in supporting the RCD's efforts to volunteer work. The fishing club is a prime example in that they have built a lot of facilities around the lake that have not necessarily been fully funded by the RCD. It is a cooperative, volunteer effort that helps bring the community together in sharing some of the benefits that get created. He asked Joe not to create the impression that there has never been a community effort in which the RCD has not benefited from the efforts of the people. Marty added that the fishing club routinely donates money and project time and materials for projects.

B. Alternatives to Fish Barrier proposal – Joe asked where the fish barrier will be located and Jerry said that it is being engineered to be built in front of the spillway. Joe said that a fish barrier in front of the dam was brought up in 2002 and at that time the IDNR was opposed to any structure across the spillway of the dam. Rules may have changed since then and the gentleman that Joe talked to, Mr. Kennedy, no longer works for the IDNR. Joe has heard of a \$9,500-10,000 estimated cost for this project and questions the justification and need for the structure. The people from the IDNR that Joe talked to in 2002 said that there is a minimal amount of fish loss off of the spillway and at that time Fred Stegbauer and he had discussed it with the IDNR who recommended installing a fish barrier downstream from the dam. They thought they had a wonderful environment adjacent to the campground and were going to propose dredging out an area (which requires approval by the Army Corp of engineers and the IDNR) to create a fishpond adjacent to the campground area. He feels that to construct a fish barrier down there would be less costly and easier to maintain. Marty asked Joe if he had taken that proposal to the point where he had cost it out and included the cost of ongoing maintenance on the pond – Joe said no. Jerry said that many things have changed since 2002. As a result of a death in Yorkville, there is a law that is up before the house right now with regard to all public bodies of water. Paul Meyer, with the IDNR said that the bill will go forward. The LMC is working closely with Paul to make sure that whatever is proposed will meet with that law's specifications and a barrier put before the dam will resolve and meet with the law that will be invoked on all dams in the state of Illinois. They initially had tried to get cost estimates on fencing to go below the dam, however, it came obvious to them that the cost of trying to position it so that with the overflow pipes, if the boards broke that it wouldn't all wash away. In light of the legislation going forward, it became apparent that the best solution to the problem and the most cost effective one was to put the barrier in front of the dam. Mick Kazmerski said that one of the concerns he would have to creating a place to fish downstream of the sewage plant; Joe responded that the RCD should consider having the creek bed tested if they decided to put something there and make Mr. Armstrong responsible for the sedimentation prior to ownership of the utility by Lost Lake Utility because all the way from the discharge pipe, if the effluence was that contaminated, its going into the river – then the Utility District would be responsible for it in the future.

C. Provide Access to RCD Facilities by Non-POA RCD Taxpayers – Joe spoke with a woman who owns property on Tampan Court who would like to access the RCD facilities. When they purchased their property, they were told that they could access the facilities for a \$100 road usage fee, paid to the POA's but when she went to the NLPOA office, they told her it was not the policy of the POA to provide them access. Subsequently, Joe talked to the husband last night and Tom Wendling mailed them a year pass, free of charge. Lost Nation charges a \$25 road usage fee. Joe would like Marty to coordinate a standard policy for the people who live outside the POA's. Marty said that it would have to involve the POAs since it is their roads being used – he agreed to contact the POAs regarding this issue. Ralph said that he was the one that told the property owners it would be a \$100 annual fee, with \$50 going to the Lost Nation POA and \$50 going to the New Landing POA. Mike Robinson asked why they should have to pay an extra fee to use the facilities if they are already paying taxes toward the lake and Marty said that the fee is not to use the facilities, rather it is a road usage fee, paid to the POAs since they own the roads that lead to the RCD properties.

VIII. Old Business

A. Herb Hill – Lots 36 & 37 on Oak Lane – Jeffrey Shoreline Status – Jerry said that Mr. Jeffrey attended the lakeshore property owners meeting on Saturday and so has decided to change his scope of work on the shoreline improvement.

Mick Kazmerski would like to coordinate a plan with the RCD to come up with a guideline regarding the cutting of trees on lakeshore property. Marty said that he doesn't think that the RCD's jurisdiction extends to private property, which is where most of the trees are located. Dan said that the lake management committee is starting to get involved in creating a lakeshore stabilization guideline and that the RCD would be interested in offering tips based on how the shoreline property is going to affect the lake. Jerry and Frank said that they are only in the early stages of development of a lakeshore stabilization guidelines and would rather wait on making a comment until they have discussed it further.

IX. New Business

A. Motion to Appoint Tina Trevino as Treasurer – Betty Lou motioned to nominate Tina Trevino as Treasurer. Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-07-06]

B. Motion to Approve Annual Treasurer's Report & Post in Newspaper - Tina motioned to approve the annual treasurer's report and post it in the newspaper. Dan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-07-07]

X. Employee/Committee Report

A. LMC – Saturday, June 2nd, the LMC held a lakeshore property owners meeting in which approximately 35 property owners were in attendance and Jerry felt that the meeting went quite well. The RCD lake manager, Joe Rush and Heather Morton, from Pizzo and Associates, presented some information for the meeting. Jerry needs an adhoc committee to work on a grassroots approach to put a standard set of guidelines for shoreline stabilization for the RCD. Marty asked is there were models from other lake communities and Jerry said not at this time, although other lake communities are interested in it. Jerry presented a CD on floating islands to the fishing club, who met the idea with a great deal of enthusiasm – Dave Strasemeier volunteered to look into it further. Karen Rivera, a region 2 fish biologist with IDNR, reviewed the lake and upstream banks and provided excellent information on stream bank stabilization using willow posts. Nancy Williamson, a region 2 ecologist with the IDNR who is in charge of reviewing grants from the grant 2000 program - she provided information on how to secure that grant and sent a template over to Jerry. Joe Olliges posted boxes

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around the lake with fish survey forms for people to take and hand in. Jerry and Frank attended the June IALC meeting in which the topics of Shoreline Stabilization, Oak Wilt and Security were discussed. Frank Durkin distributed a sample to each of the RCD board members of what the LMC mailed out to the 83 lakeshore property owners. The sample contained three packets entitled "Canadian Geese and Your Lake", "Shoreline Buffer Strips" and "Lakeshore Stabilization" to help guide them in caring for their lakeshore property. Next month Frank would like to present, on behalf of the LMC, some proposals on shoreline stabilization for the RCD to review and establish. Dan attending the end of the shoreline meeting and was very impressed with it and enthused by the amount of participation and interest of the property owners. Some of the questions posed by the owners revolved around their desire to get guidance on improving their property. Dan suggested that the RCD support the LMC's efforts (with some help from Joe Rush) in developing some guidelines for improving lakefront shorelines. Marty agreed with Dan. At the meeting, Frank had asked the property owners to indicate on a map where there have been problems with beaver and hoped that the RCD would allow him to pursue talking to the trapper about handling them. Marty said okay.

B. Becky – Computer Quotes – Becky's personal computer, which she used as a backup to the RCD computer since it did things that the RCD computer couldn't do (like create PDF files, crashed. Last year the RCD had discussed getting a new computer for the office and due to this occurring, Marty recommended to Becky to get quotes on a few different computers. She obtained prices on notebooks and desktops from Dell and HP. Initially desktops start out at \$300-400 and notebooks start out at \$500-600, however, when you start adding things like the Vista Business Operating System, 2.0 G processor, CDR Burner, Microsoft of Small Business Software, and a one year accident warranty – the price gets up to \$1,000 or more. At Dan's request, Becky also looked at another website that had computers that appeared to be cheaper in price, but once extra memory and software is added, your right back up there in price.

Notebook Quotes – Becky felt that the advantage of a laptop was ease of transporting between the office and board members if they need to access the computer, also the ease of presenting Power Point presentations would be greatly enhanced by having a portable computer to present them (if they decided to do so in the future). She obtained the following quotes for Notebooks with the following features:

- 1 year accidental damage protection
- Vista Business 2.0G processor
- 2 G of memory
- 80GB Hard drive
- DVD/CDR Combo Drive
- Roxio Creator
- Microsoft Office for Small Business Software (has publisher, Powerpoint)
- Wireless Internet Card

\$1,445.98 for an HP and \$1,191.01 for Dell Inspiron

Desktop Quotes –

- Vista Business
- 2 USB ports in the front
- basic keyboard, mouse and speakers
- Microsoft Office for Small Business Software
- 17 in flat screen (HP) 19 inch flat screen (Dell- only offered 19 in screen or larger)
- Roxio Creator
- 160 GB Hard drive

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\$1,183.98 for HP A6110 and \$958 for Dell Dimension E521

Dan asked if there was some value to the old computer and Becky said that she would

still be able to use the old computer as a backup for the board members to be able to use, for example, Tina could take it home to do updates on the treasurer's report and other applications.

Marty asked if the RCD had budgeted for a new computer and Becky said that when Bill and she went through the budget numbers together, they did consider the cost of a new computer. Marty stated that there is carryover from last year and he recalls appropriating money in last year's budget for a new computer.

Dan motioned to approve the purchase of a Dell Inspiron 1501 Notebook with Vista Business Operating System and Microsoft Office Small Business Software for \$1,191.01. Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-07-08]

XI. Guest Comments

Mike Robinson – asked about boat sticker refunds listed on the treasurer's report. Marty said that the board created a committee of property owners last year to review all the fees that the RCD charges and based on their findings and recommendations to the board, the board voted earlier this year to rescind the boat sticker fees and to give boat owners that purchased a three year sticker the option of either applying the remainder of their sticker credit to a boat rack sticker or to get a \$12 refund for the remaining two years if they were not storing their boat on a rack.

Tim Spelde – said that the railing is pulling away from the stairs on the staircase by the dam. Marty asked Becky to look into it

Jerry Sellers – a tree by the N. Beach is down and needs to be taken care of

XII. Adjourn - Dan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:29PM. Tina seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-07-09] **Next Meeting – July 5, 2007**

June 6, 2007 Motion List

1. Tina motioned to approve the agenda. Dan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-07-01]

2. Betty Lou motioned to approve the April 27th meeting minutes. Dan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-07-02]

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