

# LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

## May 7, 2008 Time: 7:00PM



### I. Call to Order and Roll Call

#### Members Present

Marty Portner -	President	Herb Hill -	Secretary
Betty Lou Finn -	Member at Large	Steve Larry -	Newest Member

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. **Welcome to Steven Larry, Newest Board Member** – Marty welcomed Steve Larry to the board and Steve gave a synopsis of himself.

IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Herb motioned to approve the agenda and Steve seconded the motion. Betty Lou motioned to strike the first motion and modify the agenda by adding item I. Grant Writer Progress Report under New Business and Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-08-01]

V. **Motion to Approve the 03/11/08, 03/24/08, 04/08/08 and the 04/23/08 Minutes** – Tabled until next month.

VI. **Review and Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report** – Current Assets as April 30, 2008: \$102,882.68; Fixed Assets - \$1,709,798.82 The RCD received \$1,100 from Oltmanns for the hay field that he plants on the 23 acre site. They paid out \$900 to Wes's Tree Service for 6 plowings in January and February of 2008; \$28.80 to John Mulholland for Roundup and trash bags; \$5 for a title search on an unregistered boat; \$36.35 to Frank Durkin for LMC wall of fame supplies; \$499 for Olson Ecological presentation in April. Mike Robinson asked what the \$1,100 from Oltmanns was for and Herb explained that Ken pays the RCD to harvest grass a few times a year that he planted on the 23 acre site a few years ago. Herb asked about the amount paid to security and Marty said that that was the RCD's portion of the cost of security for the month of April. He asked Becky to look into the agreement that they have with the POA and decide whether it is expired, and, if so, whether they are going to renew it. Herb would like to establish a recycling program and asked Becky to get cost estimates for refuse and recycling pickup around the RCD properties. Steve motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-08-02] 15:08

### VII. New Business

H. **Joanne Guthrie – Request Permission to Plant a Tree at Schings Park** (moved up from the end of New Business) – Joanne would like to plant a willow tree on Schings Park behind her property. Steve said that a willow gets pretty big. Marty said that if they allowed her to plant the tree there, he would want her to look after the tree for the first year and to consult with the RCD before she plants it so that it wouldn't be in a spot that was a nuisance. Marty said that he would like to get Jerry Sellers from the LMC involved. Steve said that willows drop a lot of branches, becoming quite messy, and that the board has to realize that if they are going to take care of it, it will take extra care than other trees to maintain. Jerry said that the positioning of the tree will be critical because there is an easement that runs along her house to get heavy equipment in there to dredge; they also wouldn't want to plant it close to the lake itself because there will be dredging of the lake and they have to keep that shoreline free. He also thinks that it should be Joanne's responsibility to keep the branches that fall to the ground from the tree raked up (willows not only drop leaves but their branches as well)—otherwise the RCD employees would have to do it. Becky said that when people have approached the RCD in the past about putting in trees or gardens on RCD property, they have had the property owner submit a statement that they will care for it and that the RCD can remove it at any time. The board and Jerry agreed that that was a good idea.

**A. Motion to Elect Officers** – Marty turned the meeting over to Steve. Marty motioned to elect himself as president, Steve as vice president, and Herb as secretary for the 2008-2009 fiscal year and Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-08-03] Marty resumed charge of the meeting.

**B. Motion to Accept Tentative FY2008-2009 Budget and Appropriation**

**Ordinance (Order to be filed for public inspection for 30 days)** – Steve motioned to accept the tentative FY2008-2009 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and amended the motion to order it to be filed for public inspection for 30 days and Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-08-04]

**C. 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 the resolution calling a public hearing on the FY2008-2009 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and to publish notice of the hearing in a newspaper one week prior to the hearing and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-08-05]

**D. Motion to Approve Bids on Material & Labor of Replacing Mulch at LCC**

**Playground** – Dan asked Becky to get bids on redoing the mulch at the playground and so Becky went back to the same company that they purchased the mulch from when they had it done in 2003 and got a quote for 50 cubic yards (enough to cover an area 60'X64' one foot deep. It is a special grade of mulch, specifically made for playgrounds and is supposed to be wheel-chair accessible. She also went to the same contractor that spread the mulch that time because they were the least expensive bid at that time. The contractor's bid includes removing the old mulch and barrier and spreading the old mulch at the 23 acre site, putting down a new barrier, and then spreading the new mulch out one foot high over the 60'X64' area. Maureen Bronkema expressed her concern about the mulch being an attractant to ticks and wondered if they could use a different material like sand or gravel. Becky said that five years ago they looked at the pros and cons of all the materials and found that cutup tires didn't degrade down so they didn't consider them eco-friendly and were cost prohibitive, sand wasn't a good option because it becomes compacted, cats use it as a litter box, and it can be quite messy, rocks take a lot of work to maintain (have to be raked constantly and hard to mow around). Herb asked if Becky researched what the best material for on playgrounds for children was and Joe said yes, Becky talked to park districts and found what they use, which was considered the recommended material for playgrounds. Betty Lou motioned to approve the purchase of 50 cubic yards of woodchips through NuToys for \$1,179 and to have Lewis Pools do the contract work on it for \$1,362.26 and Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-08-06]

**E. Motion to Approve Payment of RCD Portion of Chips & Salt - \$812.39** – The cost represented 5% of the roads or about 1.5 miles. Betty Lou motioned to approve payment of RCD portion of chips and salt for \$812.39 and Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-08-07]

**F. Motion to Approve Payment of Attorney Fees of \$520** – The fees were for services related to the contract with Olson Ecological Solutions, and questions that Marty had about officers' positions. Betty Lou motioned to approve the payment of \$520 to Phil Nye for attorney's fees and Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-08-08]

**G. Motion to Continue Using Current or Propose New Accountant** – They prepare the end of year tax papers (W-2's, Social Security Report) and sign off on the annual report numbers. Herb motioned to retain Lindgren, Callahan and VanOsdel as their accountant and Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote [05-08-09]

Attorney Nye told Becky that the RCD needed a treasurer before they approve their budget in June and said that we could call the accountant and ask them if they would like to take over the treasurer's duties or it could be a volunteer or employee (doesn't have to be a board member). Marty asked Becky to find out if she is allowed to do it.

**H. Joanne Guthrie – Request Permission to Plant a Tree at Schings Park** (moved to the beginning of New Business)

**I. Grant Writer Progress Report** – Marty said that they are close to coming to an agreement with Olson Ecological Solutions to start on the grant writing. She has agreed to work on the roadmap and formalizing the timeline as stated in her presentation. She has more information since the presentation including looking to other private organizations and the IEPA for grant money. Marty had it put in the contract that she would give monthly progress reports. Marty has talked to some experienced individuals in the community who are interested in volunteering their time toward the wordsmithing of the grants, which will save a lot of money in grant writer fees that they would pay her. Steve asked what the deliverables would be that Rebecca is promising and Marty said that it will be determined by the roadmap that she is working on right now and that there will be milestones on there and she will be responsible for reporting her progress on those milestones.

## **VIII. Old Business**

**A. RCD Property Owner Survey** – Frank read off the first paragraph of the survey. Marty, Frank and Becky met to review the survey and update it to meet the needs of the RCD and the Lost Lake community. There were a few modifications made. Marty turned the meeting over to Steve. Marty motioned to adopt the survey as modified and to send it out to all of the district property owners. Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-08-10] Marty resumed control of the meeting. He asked Becky to call Tom or Leslie about the use of their bulk rate stamp.

## **IX. Employee / Committee Report**

**A. LMC** – Jerry Sellers – The Flagg Road Silt Basin will be cleaned and the spoils hauled away to the 23 acre site sometime around May 20<sup>th</sup>. ILM completed their survey of the silt basin and sent in a report, which Jerry reviewed and sent back for answers to questions that he has. There was a dead cow on adjacent property near the water tower that was reported by a Lost Lake homeowner – Jerry got involved and contacted Springfield for an agriculture inspector, who got the IEPA involved because they found 22 more dead carcasses on the property and upon further inspection, there were another 9 dead carcasses near the home. The question is how much the waste runoff will affect the lake by entering through the watershed. Jerry suggested that they let Rebecca Olson be made aware of the situation because if you are looking for grants from the EPA, it would be a perfect example of a watershed that is being terrifically polluted by a bunch of dead animals, with a report from the NRCS that substantiates that.

Frank Durkin – Frank, Jerry and Kevin Christianson (the new trapper) toured the entire lake shore for beaver dens, of which they did not find any. They did find a lot of holes made by groundhogs and they did identify beaver destruction on a number of properties and Frank will be contacting each property owner to make them aware of the option of allowing the beaver trapper to put traps into the water adjacent to their properties. The RCD will cover the cost of trapping the beaver, at \$100 a head. Jerry said that in order to protect newly planted trees from beaver, you should surround the tree with something more significant than chicken wire and it should be 48" up the tree, depending on the size of the tree that you plant.

Jerry – Inventory of shoreline – Gerry Skyles and Dan Nicolini went out with Joe Rush when he did the shoreline inventory they took photographs and worked with maps to try to identify the property owners. On the south end of the lake it is soil and great chunks of that property is breaking off into the lake. The north end is rock and so more stable. VLMP - on the 20<sup>th</sup> the state will be out here with the protocol being used to test the lake.

Frank finished the new ULLPOA map that delineated the properties that are owned by the RCD, the ULLPOA, and the private property owners. He also has another plaque for the LMC wall of fame that has the LMC mission statement.

Mike Robinson asked about the docks that were in a state of disrepair last year and Becky said that the property owners either repaired their docks on their own or took them out. Jerry said that over the winter, the docks that were repaired took on more damage and so new letters will have to be sent out. Betty Lou had an idea of requiring the property owners to put either their address or property number on their docks so that they could be identified.

**X. Guest Comments**

**Don Finn** - As ULLPOA road committee chairperson, Don Finn would like to get rid of multiple trash companies using the roads and see if he could get with the RCD and work out using only one company for trash removal.

If the RCD has roadwork that they need done, Don is putting together a program now and so they should talk to him.

John Mulholland – N. Beach – last year Dan talked about the beach, boat dock and shoreline needing to be addressed -Steve will look into it. Picnic benches need to be moved from the fishing dock back to the picnic area.

**XI. Motion to Adjourn Meeting** – Herb motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:07PM and Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [05-08-11] **Next Scheduled Meeting: June 18, 2008**

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