



LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

March 17, 2016 6:00PM

I. **Call to order** – Marty called the meeting to order at 6:01PM.

Board Members Present – Marty Portner – President Mike Swartz – Secretary
Jim Brown – Member at Large
Board Member Absent – Glenn Baldwin – VP Tim Spelde – Member at Large
Recording Secretary Present – Rebecca Breckenfelder

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

III. **Motion to Approve the Agenda** – Mike motioned to approve the agenda and Jim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote. [03-16-01]

IV. **Motion to Approve the 2/18/16 and 2/18/16 Executive Session Minutes** – Mike motioned to approve the 2/18/16 and 2/18/16 Executive session minutes and Jim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote. [03-16-02]

V. **Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report** – Jim motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Mike seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-16-03]

VI. **Old Business**

A. Motion to Approve the Release of the 1/4/16 Executive Session Minutes – Jim motioned to approve the release of the 1/14/16 executive session minutes and Mike seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-16-04] Marty asked Becky to get the minutes out before their next business day, which is Monday.

VII. **New Business**

A. Motion to Approve the Release of the 2/18/16 Executive Session Minutes – Mike motioned to approve the release of the 2/18/16 executive session minutes and Jim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-16-05]

B. Motion to approve Wash Shoreline Improvement Request – Bill and Cheryl Wash purchased Dave Nelson's house and want to take advantage of the RCD's shoreline stabilization rebate program to stabilize their shoreline. One of the contractors contacted Marty asking questions about it and Marty told him what he needed and directed him to the required documents – Marty then passed it on to Tim because he was sick. Marty asked Jim Brown if he was involved and Jim said he talked to Tim and felt that they need to table the motion. Jim said that the contractor wants to use riprap that is not state-approved to keep the job affordable for the owners. Marty said that in order to qualify for the rebate, the owner has to follow the RCD's SOP, which requires IDOT-approved RR3 riprap or apply for a variance from the board. Jim said that one of the reason's that they require the state-approved rock is that it has to hold up for 10 years so unless the contractor *[or homeowner]* is willing to guarantee that the shoreline will stay stabilized for 10 years or they would give us our rebate money back, he would want some means of assuring the board that it will last that long. Marty asked if there was a plan drawn up and Jim said no – Marty said that they can't approve the stabilization plan anyway *[until they get that drawing]*. Mike said that he thought that they weren't going to offer the rebate program anymore and Marty said that because the RCD has budgeted for it and a taxpayer has asked for it, it's his opinion that they can't override that since it is on the books and advertised on the website, they could only go through another budget cycle and officially not fund any more projects going forward. Mike said that if the property owner brings the proper request and materials to the board they should hear it – he was just asking if they still had that budgeted and he said that Marty answered his question. Marty said that the money is well spent on anyone who wants to improve their shoreline and mitigate shoreline erosion and that there are safeguards built in to ensure that they don't pay too much – it is 50% or \$20 a lineal ft. rebate – whichever is the lesser of the two. Marty said that as long as they have enough money budgeted they will use it but this year may be the last year for it. **MOTION TABLED.**

VIII. **Director Reports**

A. Marty Portner – 1. Old Business Café/Marina Proposal – Marty talked to Glenn, who has had no contact with Lisa - at the moment she is indisposed with family issues. There is no progress to report at this time;

however, Glenn is of the opinion that once he returns from his vacation, they will be able to continue their discussions regarding this project.

2. Plan to Get Beaches Ready for the Spring – Marty said that he asked Shawn to come up with a list of things to do to get the beaches and other RCD property ready by the time they open on Memorial Weekend and Mike said that he had a small list of things in need of repair to add to that and he would talk to Shawn.. Shawn said that he removed the play car out of the water by the west beach and that he will also repair the lower dock by the LCC – it appears that a boat hit it head on and put a big split in it. Marty said it would be a good habit for the board members and Becky to ride around the community to add to Shawn's list. Mike said that Tim and he typically do that – there are a lot of little things to do. Mike said that he noticed that the rope at the west beach was missing and Becky said that she had taken it and thrown it out because it was pretty frayed and worn out. Marty said that he got a call from Orland – they saw some four-wheeler tracks on their property and inquired about the gate by the dam and whether it was the RCD's responsibility and Marty said he thinks it is on their property. He added that he took a look at it and it hadn't been breached. Shawn said that whoever is getting onto the Orland's property is doing so by taking a path through the woods where there is an opening rather than using the gate. Marty asked Mike to take a look at what the RCD can do on their property to dissuade people from trespassing there.

B. Mike Swartz – No Report

C. Tim Spelde - Old Business: Silt at Schings Park – Marty said that the bridge inspection on Babbling Brook has been done but the report is not available. Dave Stewart confirmed that the inspection did take place. Marty said that the roads are posted so they won't be able to haul the silt away.

D. Jim Brown – The EPA sent a letter to the RCD office stating that the Fellows project was not selected this year for; however, next year the Clear Creek Watershed will be considered a priority so Scott suggested that they submit it again, adding more detail and pictures to the areas that they want to stabilize. Jim said that he talked to Duane Fellows about the EPA's decision and although he was disappointed at not getting the grant this year, he said he wasn't waiting on some of the improvements that he is doing on the property. Mike asked how many areas that the RCD has gotten these grants for and Marty said that what they did was unprecedented and Jim said that they have received two grants (*to help remediate non-point source pollution – one addressing Lost Lake and Babbling Brook starting at where it enters the lake and another on Upper Babbling Brook on Ed's property.*) Marty said that they haven't even started doing anything on Clear Creek and Jim said that Nachusa is thinking about applying for a major grant for work on their portion of Clear Creek for next year and they have been doing a lot of stuff that they can already use as credits against that like pulling tile and creating wetlands. Marty asked Jim if he could call Bill Kleiman and ask him if he could either come here or provide some materials that the RCD could look at to see what they are doing there and see whether there are any opportunities for the RCD.

IX. Guest Comments

Mark Miller – Mark asked if the board approved the motion to release the 2/18/16 executive session minutes and the board told him yes, the board approved it unanimously by roll-call vote.

Sue Hill – They (security) received complaints about activity at the campground and at N. Beach and wanted to ensure that the RCD knew about it. Mike said that they are cognizant of some of those issues and Becky said that she took a statement from a witness of activity at the campground entrance. Sue asked if there was signage at the beaches that tells when they close and Becky said yes, it is in the rules sign that is posted there and that the park closes at dusk. They also discussed shooting that is occurring on contiguous property to the POA and trespassing on property near the water tower.

X. Motion to Adjourn – Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:37PM and Jim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [03-16-06]

3/17/16 Motion List:

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