



LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

October 14, 2014 Time: 7:00PM

I. **Call to order** – Marty called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

Board Members Present Marty Portner – Vice President
Tim Spelde – Member at Large

John Harris – Secretary
Steve Larry – Member at Large

Board Members Absent Glenn Baldwin - President

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

III. **Motion to Approve the Agenda** – John motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of “Electric to Boat Docks” under his report and ULLPOA/RCD LCC Cost Sharing under Steve’s report. Tim seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-14-01]

IV. **Motions to Approve the 7/8/14 & 9/17/14 & the Corrected 2/20/14 Minutes – 7/8/14 Minutes** – Tim motioned to approve the 7/8/14 minutes and Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with Tim, Steve and John for it and Marty abstaining from the vote. [10-14-02] **9/17/14 Minutes** – Steve motioned to approve the minutes and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with Steve, Tim and Marty for it and John abstaining from the vote. [10-14-03] **2/20/14 Corrected Minutes** – Tim motioned to approve the 2/20/14 corrected minutes to reflect that Tim was in attendance at that meeting and John seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-14-04]

V. **Motion to Approve the Treasurer’s Report** – They made payouts related to the grant to Rebecca Olson for \$1,696.20, JadeEco for \$7,544.16, Martin & Co for \$89,007.35, Agrecol for \$6,768, and Erotex for \$8,815.42. They also paid the annual web maintenance fee of \$232.26 to Focus Design. Otherwise pretty standard monthly payouts. Marty asked where the board’s per diem is shown in the budget and Becky said that the per diem has an expense line item under administration and the income that they get when the board members contribute it back gets put under miscellaneous income. Any payouts that they make toward their individually chosen projects then comes out of miscellaneous expenses. There is a separate spreadsheet that she keeps that tracks the per diem income and spending that each board member has that is readily available upon request. Steve motioned to approve the treasurer’s report and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-14-05]

VI. **Director Reports**

A. **Marty Portner** – No Report

B. **John Harris – Electric to Boat Docks**– John said that someone asked him who they would talk to about getting power to the docks and Marty said that they would come to the RCD first as the docks belong to them; however, the docks on the west side at Parkside Park are located on POA property. Steve said that rather than supply power to the docks using power lines, he recommended a solar powered trickle charge power source. They cost about \$35 and it will continually charge your battery while you are not there. He doesn’t believe that the RCD wants to get into the business of running electricity anywhere to the docks.

Alternately Powered Boats Allowed on the Lake – John asked about the possibility of them allowing gas-powered motors on the lake if they were not noisy or invasive. Marty said that that the idea might have merit. Tim said that this topic has come up before previous boards and was shot down; however, 4-stroke engines are very efficient. He suggested that they could bring it before the fishing club and see if they would support the idea on a trial basis, especially since an electric trolling motor is not conducive to pushing a pontoon around on the lake. Tom said that for a lot of people who have bought property out here one of the attractions is the peace and quiet on the lake and once they open it up to gas motors they would have to contend with the potential noise and wake that can come with them. Becky said that it would be harder for her to explain to boat owners what is allowed if they allow certain gas motors and not others vs. right now it is easy to say no gas motors are allowed. It would have to be very well defined for her to explain it to them when they register their boats. Tim said that he can ask the fishing club what they think and Steve said that it doesn’t mean that they have to go with their suggestion. Tim said that he could post the question on

Facebook and they may get a lot of opinions from both people who would want them and those that do not. Marty said that he would like to know the compelling reasons why they would need to change the ordinance and John said that some of the boat owners have an issue with hauling their batteries in an out every time they want to use their boat. Steve responded that you don't have to take the batteries out all the time – he has a pontoon that sits on a lake in Wisconsin with a 4-stroke 90 horse motor and all of the electronics. He doesn't take it off of the boat every time he gets off – it'll sit there for 1-2 weeks and he can still turn the battery over. John asked if a fully charged battery would last for a weekend and

Tom said that if you were cruising back and forth at full speed, no. Steve said that he would recommend the solar powered trickle charger that he mentioned earlier and John said is that for now that is the answer and Marty said yes, unless something compels them to do something but the RCD is not going to spend the time to research the possibility.

C. Tim Spelde – Front Door of LCC – A couple of kids broke the inside handle of the front door of the LCC – Shawn will take a look at it.

Fish Stocking/Survey – Gollon Bait & Fish delivered 880 Walleye, 1000 Perch, 500 Small-Mouth Bass, 250 Large-Mouth Bass. Richmond Fisheries will deliver 500 Hybrid-Striped Bass. The IDNR came out and surveyed the lake. They take some of the fish as samples for a program that they have at Lowden-Miller and then they bring the fish back, in exchange for that service, they survey our lake at no cost. Tim will work with them to get the results of that survey.

Carp Fisherman – Tim is having a professional carp and shad fisherman come out to remove carp from the lake. He is hiring him to come out for 2 days at \$500 a day.

Lake Depth Mapping – Tom Clarey and Tim have done a lot of the lake mapping, the results of which Tim will put together in a report. They did the Flagg Rd Basin, the two inlets coming into the lake, and the area in front of the LCC. Tim would like to probe the water further down the lake and if he doesn't get to it before he pulls his boat out of the lake for the year, they can use an auger on the ice when it is thick enough – Jeff McKinley offered to take Tom's place in the winter. Marty asked how they decide where to put the probes. Tim said that they go every 100 yards or so and take a reading, trying to mimic the previous report did. It is a pretty telling tale as to where the silt is at and they have plenty of it – 3 ½ to 4 ft. in spots. Tom said that it follows the flow of the water – in the center of the flow there is not much silt and the deepest amount of silt that they have found is about 5 ft. Tim said that the area in front of Oak Lane Park is still a pretty hard, bottom and the water is surprisingly deep where the weir wall is. He feels that the water comes in so fast that it doesn't have time to deposit there. They took readings at Schings Park and at the Peninsula. When they give the Engineering Firm their information they will give us recommendations of a consolidated effort involving mechanical dredging where they can, depositing the silt on their property, and the more expensive hydraulic dredging in the areas that they can't reach mechanically. Steve said that Wendler Engineering will be able to give them an effective dredging plan and the costs associated with it so that they can plan properly. He also said that he could sit down with Bill Kleiman from the Nature Conservancy and see what his thoughts are today vs. last year if he would consider allowing them to store dredged silt for a certain amount of time and then return it back to what it was when they were done. Marty asked what they did with the silt that they took out the last time that they dredged and Becky said that they hauled it to their property north of Flagg Rd. He asked if that was the most expensive part of it and Becky said that having a site nearby for the contractors to take the silt to saved them money. Tom said that they took the boards out to dry up some of the area and then they rerouted the water flow and built an in-lake dam to dry up the area by Schings Park so that they could dredge it. Marty remembered that they had talked in the past about draining the lake and dredging and wondered their thoughts on that. Steve said that that can be brought to Dick to find out if that is an option that that they could pursue – it is basically what they are doing up on the Bettner's property now. – draining a pretty wet area. Tim said that he will try to have the data ready in a week and a half and he'll get that to Steve to take to Wendler.

Zombie Campground Oct 25th – Time said that there would be a zombie campground hay ride event Saturday, the 25th, and it should be a good event.

D. Steve Larry –Upper Babbling Brook Project – Steve said that they had a great response from their public breakfast/presentation meeting held on October 4th. Rebecca and Joe presented a punch list to check off and make sure that they are finalizing the project. They will be working on meander three, a project that Ed Bettner has hired Winterland to complete. Although Steve is moving, he will stay on and be available through the completion of the

project in May to assist them. Marty asked if Rebecca was looking into more grant opportunities for the RCD and Steve said she won't go after a grant unless we know we need a grant and what we need it for because it costs money for her to pursue those and they don't want to throw their money away. There is a farmer that owns property contiguous to the Bettners with Babbling Brook going through it named Dewayne Fellows who is interested in partnering up with the RCD in the future. They would wait until after they dredge to do that. Rebecca will look into whether now that the RCD has done all of the preventative measures that it has done, which is what the EPA is most interested in, if they will look at trying to tie in the lake and look at dredging the lake as an extension of what they have done to clean up even more of the watershed, which ends up in the Rock River. Once they get involved in the dredging process, they should contact Rebecca to look into that and budget to have her do that research. If they continue to reduce pollutant loads heading to the Rock River. Marty said that he is excited because they have done some major positive successes and he is sure that that is being buzzed about within the EPA and her network.

ULLPOA/RCD LCC Cost Sharing –The POA has only budgeted \$3,000 to go toward a rental agreement for the building. Steve sent a letter to Sue telling her that it wasn't enough but that the RCD would apply that \$3,000 to the unlimited free use of the building by the associations affiliated with the POA who use the facility, for example, Senior Focus, Library, Bunco, etc. He added that it was not enough to cover the POA meetings though so they may have to find another venue. Marty said otherwise, they could negotiate and use the \$3,000 to cover all of their uses, including the POA's meetings. Steve said he has tried to keep an open dialogue with the POA but he is getting very little communication from them. John said that the POA had initially budgeted \$6,000, but found that they were over budget so cut money from many of the line items. Steve said that they take in over \$260,000 a year and he is sure that they have enough money in their reserves to cover the remaining \$3,000. Steve said that he had a good dialogue with Mike Robinson when he was president and they had a gentleman's agreement of \$6,000 and Mike asked if the RCD would entertain a 5 year contract and Steve said whatever would work for them. But once he took it back to his board, everything fell apart. Steve said that he didn't want the community groups to miss out on being able to use the facility; however the \$3,000 wouldn't be enough for the POA to hold their meetings as well. If they want to rent the center at an hourly rate, he would allow that. Steve said the rate was \$50 an hour. Becky thought that the board had motioned to change the rate to \$25 an hour with a \$50 minimum. Marty said that they could put it on the November meeting if they want to confirm the \$50 an hour rate starting January 1st.

VII. Guest Comments

Jeff Winterland – 17 acres on Flagg Rd – Potential Long Term Lease or Sale. Jeff was interested in buying 5-10 acres of the acreage that is on Flagg Rd where the old quarry was. Steve asked what the purpose would be. And Jeff said that he wants to have a place to store materials that is close to his home and it wouldn't affect the RCD's ability to store silt or brush there. Becky said that if they sold the property they would have to follow the statutes and put up to auction. Steve asked Jeff if he was open to leasing the property instead to avoid going through the auction process and Jeff said yes, that would be a possibility. Becky said that they usually have an attorney help draw up the papers for that. Marty said that the lease would be a straight expense and would save him from having to come up with a big capital outlay to buy the property. Marty said that they would be open to working with him on a lease option and asked Jeff to come up with a formal plan for the RCD to review.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn – Steve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12PM and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote.[10-14-06]

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