



May 14, 2013 LNNLRCD Meeting

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call** – Glenn called the meeting to order at 7:01PM
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| Board Members Present | Glenn Baldwin – President | Marty Portner - Vice President |
| | Dennis Cantrell – Member at Large | Tim Spelde – Member at Large |
- Board Members Absent John Harris - Secretary
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Motion to Approve Agenda** – Marty motioned to approve the agenda with the removal of item F. Steve Larry under Board Member/Volunteer Reports and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [05-13-01]
- IV. Motion to Approve 4/09/2013 Minutes** – Marty motioned to approve the 4/9/13 minutes and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with Marty, Dennis, and Tim for the motion and Glenn abstaining from the motion. [05-13-02]
- V. Motion to Approve Treasurer’s Report** - Dennis motioned to approve the treasurer’s report and Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [05-13-03]
- VI. Board Member Reports**
- A. Glenn Baldwin** – Glenn motioned to fly the flag permanently on the peninsula and Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-13-04] Marty asked if Glenn worked out a program for following the different etiquette guidelines for flying a flag such as when it is flown at half-mast or lighting a flag and Glenn said that he will work on that. Glenn said that he thinks that continuous lighting on a flag is debatable and Tim agreed that he didn’t think it was required any more. Glenn said that the board could illuminate the flag with a solar light. Glenn would also like to have music playing on the peninsula during patriotic holidays and will look into that.
- B. Dennis Cantrell – LCC Roof and Maintenance Cost of Building** - There was a leak in the roof during the high rains that they had in April that caused damage to the ceiling in the men’s room. The roof is in serious disrepair on both sides, with the west side (or side nearest the lake) being the most in need of repair. Dennis obtained two quotes for over \$7,000 to repair that side of the roof or \$14,000 for the entire roof. As a contractor, he’d recommend fixing the entire roof over doing a patch job because it is more practical money-wise, but as a member of the RCD, in dealing with the Lake Court Center and its potential to be a money-pit, then he thinks that they need to discuss whether to spend that kind of money, and if they did, then he would want to wait on re-doing the parking lot this year. He doesn’t know that it falls within their mission statement – on the one hand, it is their property and on the other hand, continually spending that kind of money on the LCC, they are going to have to work with the POA to help in maintaining the building. Over the course of time, if they don’t at least do a patch job on it, which would last a couple years, the roof will eventually deteriorate to the point that it needs to be completely replaced. Tim looked up the ordinance that the RCD is governed under and the RCD is responsible to maintain the building, parking lot, and parks. For the future, they need to decide whether they want to keep the LCC or not, but until then it is their responsibility to make sure that they don’t run them to failure. Glenn said that as a board member, he treats the RCD property as he would his own and anytime there is any threat of water damage, he takes care of it right away. If the water is starting to do damage, then he thinks that they need to take care of it as it is a nice facility. Tim said that if the RCD didn’t have the assets that it does such as the LCC, then he doesn’t think that their taxing rate would be as high. Marty said that the RCD also has the power to divest themselves of their assets so he would think that they should get numbers as to the cost of operating the LCC vs. what they bring in for rentals. Becky said that a few years ago, a ruling came down that said that government agencies had to try to recoup some of their costs of maintaining amenities through charging fees while not necessarily breaking even. Because of that, the

RCD board had suggested had charging all of the Lost Lake Community Entities such as the POA, Special Events Committee, LLUD, a nominal fee for their usage of the building but it didn't come to pass, rather, they tried increasing the private rental fee to \$150 and that was met with a decrease in rentals and many complaints from the renters. Glenn said that if they explained that they are going to need a new roof at a cost of \$14,000 and so are going to start charging for all usage, then they would have a valid reason to do so. Dennis said that it appears that they should be anyway. Marty said that they can say we are going to fix the roof and the parking lot at XX amount of dollars and so for a number of years, they are going to charge for all usage of the building to recoup that cost. Tim said that they could also look at giving the building to the POA if they'd take it. Marty said that there is a legal process that they have to go through to auction the property if they want to sell it. Tim asked about leasing the property to the POA and Marty said that they could do that, however, they would still have to look at maintenance costs and whether the lease spells out who is responsible for those costs. Dennis said that Glenn should get together with Mike Robinson and let them know that they are looking at this and why. Marty said that they should talk to Tom Wendling as well on some ideas that he had for the building. Glenn said that he'll talk to them.

Portapotty Enclosure - Shawn built the portapotty enclosure for the west beach.

C. John Harris – no report

D. Tim Spelde – Berger Property - The Berger swale remediation was a success. Wendler designed the project and Oltmanns did the work.

Security – security is coming around to check on minor nuisances taking place at the LCC and they have a trail cam that they use at different times and locations of RCD property.

Fish Feeders – there are three fish feeders up for baiting carp and Tim put one at the N. Beach to help attract carp there for the kid's fish derby in June.

Carp Reduction Scheduled – May 24th with Joe Rush. Becky will post at the gates so people know about it.

Commercial Fisherman – haven't gotten enough information on this. Looking at paying extra to just have the fisherman dispose of the fish vs. getting the fish verified so that the commercial fisherman can sell them.

Hunting – hunting went well – 1 deer was shot.

Burning – Tim asked when they are going to burn the property north of the campground and they will ask Bill Kleiman.

E. Marty Portner – Website – almost done – they've had bi-weekly meetings throughout the website creation and the next stage is keeping the information fresh and up to date. He'd like to reveal the website the first week in June and in the meantime, he'll send a link to the board members so that they can review it.

Upper Babbling Brook Grant – Marty authorized Baumann to do \$1,800 worth of permit work that is required as part of the grant to beat the fee increases that are expected later this year.

VII. New Business

A. Motion to Approve Payment of \$2,940 to Berger for Swale Remediation – Tim motioned to approve the payment of \$2,940 to Ron Berger for remediation of the swale on his property per the RCD's stabilization rebate program. Dennis seconded the motion and the board approved it unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-13-05]

B. Elect Officers for the RCD Board - Dennis motioned to elect Glenn Baldwin as president, Marty Portner as Vice President, John Harris as Secretary, Becky Breckenfelder as treasurer, Tim Spelde as member at large and Dennis Cantrell as member at large. Tim seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-13-06]

Tim motioned to amend the agenda to move guest comments to item C. of New Business and Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote [05-13-07]

C. Guest Comments

Linda Marini – Dog Park on an RCD Property – Linda talked to Dennis and Becky about creating an enclosed dog park on an RCD property that has water access. It would involve fencing and a second fenced area at the entrance to ensure that the dogs don't escape. Linda would volunteer to mow the area as a part of the maintenance of the park. Becky suggested that they could build the park on the area just before the entrance to the campground as it has water access and there is a water pump for drinking water. Marty asked what kind of fence they have at the dog park that she goes to now and she said that it is chain-link fence on the outside. Dennis suggested that they could do a split rail fence with mesh on the inside of the fence. Marty asked if they could estimate the cost of the fencing and Dennis said that the dog park committee could estimate that - Linda said she would need to have an idea of the area that they would need to fence. Another area that they could look at would be the property on Babbling Brook that they just stabilized. Linda will walk around to get the size of the property and Dennis suggested that she get more people involved in creating the park and volunteering to maintain it.

Shawn Parish – the trail that Michael Stocksdale created was damaged by the excessive rains that they had this spring.

D. Motion to Accept Tentative FY2013-2014 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance (Order to be filed for public inspection for 30 days) – Glenn asked what the \$55,000 was for under Lake and Beach

Maintenance – Silt and Bank Erosion Control and Becky said that it was a figure that Steve estimated for the stabilization of Schings park and the lot on Oak Lane that they obtained a couple of years ago as well as the normal amount that they take out of the Flagg Rd Silt Basin each year. Of the amount of \$284,275 that they have budgeted to spend on the Upper Babbling Brook project, about \$227,420 will be incurred by the EPA and Ed Better with the RCD's net spending to be about 56,850. Marty asked how the number for the stabilization rebate program was obtained and Becky said that this was a number that the board agreed to budget each year on a first-come, first served basis. Tim suggested that they could send out letters to people with a high-risk of shoreline loss on information about the program. \$6,400. Dennis motioned to accept the tentative FY2013-2014 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and to file it for public inspection for 30 days. Tim seconded the motion and the board approved it unanimously. Regarding security – Tim hasn't been getting reports on the activity that security does for the RCD but would like to see more. Dennis would like to see the bills that the POA submits to the RCD more accurately reflect the work that security does for them; for example, in the winter, there should be a lot less activity. Tim said that he'll meet with Sue on that. Becky said that she would like to see a camera system installed at the LCC so that they can catch vandalism on tape if it occurs. This would offer security on a 24-7 basis for a relatively inexpensive cost. Marty suggested that they could use the cameras and hire the security personnel on a per incident basis and let them handle the situation professionally. Dennis motioned to accept the tentative Fy2013-2014 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and to file it for public inspection for 30 days. Tim seconded the motion and the board approved it unanimously. [05-13-08]

E. Motion to Approve Resolution 02-2013 Calling Public Hearing on Budget & Appropriation Ordinance (Notice of Hearing to be published in Local Newspaper one week prior) - Dennis motioned to approve resolution 02-2013 calling a public hearing on the budget and appropriation ordinance, to take place on June 13th at 7PM, and to publish a notice of the hearing in a local newspaper at least one week prior to the hearing. Marty seconded the motion and the board approved it unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-13-09]

F. Lost Lake Assumed Name Change LNNLRCD to "Lost Lake River Conservancy District of Illinois"

It's been about 5 years since the unification of Lost Nation and New Landing and since those entities are now defunct, Marty would like the RCD to adopt an assumed name change to allow them to use the name "Lost Lake River Conservancy District" for public usage while still maintaining their current name. The board directed Marty to talk to the attorney about that.

G. RCD Stewardship Program – the Nachusa Grasslands has a stewardship program that Marty would like the RCD to model. He'll get back to the board when he is done researching that.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn – Marty motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:34PM and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [05-13-10]

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