



LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

April 6, 2010 Time: 7:00PM

I. Call to Order – Steve called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

Board Members Present

Steve Larry	–	President	Betty Lou Finn	–	Secretary
Dennis Cantrell	–	Member at Large			

Board Members Absent

Glenn Baldwin	–	Vice President	Tim Spelde	–	Member at Large
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II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Farewell to Betty Lou Finn – Steve said that Betty Lou has served the RCD extremely well over the years in a roll of volunteerism. If it wasn't for her, they wouldn't have the support that they have had over the years. She also served as liaison to the POA and other organizations and started a joint program w/ the POA of recognizing volunteers through a picnic each year. Steve presented Betty Lou a plaque and a gift certificate to the Blackhawk Steak Pit. Betty Lou asked if she could finish getting the chairs for the LCC and Steve said absolutely.

IV. Motion to Approve the Agenda – Betty Lou motioned to approve the agenda and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [04-10-01]

V. Motion to Approve the 3/2/2010 Minutes – Betty Lou motioned to approve the 3/2/10 minutes and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with Betty Lou and Dennis for it and Steve abstaining from the vote. [04-10-02]

VI. Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report –Steve said that of the check for \$10,956, written to Olson Ecological for grant writing, \$9,872 is reimbursable through an EPA grant for watershed management. There is another grant that Olson Ecological is working on for \$528,000 for the stabilization of Babbling Brook. Betty Lou didn't see a bill from JadEco and wondered how often he was paid – Steve said that he bills monthly but didn't do any work for the RCD last month and so didn't submit a statement. Mike Robinson asked about the money that is reimbursable by the grant and whether it is absorbed by the RCD and Steve said that the match as already been met so that amount will be reimbursed 100%. Betty Lou said that last month they received over \$4,000 from the EPA grant. Steve said that they have about \$32,000 left in that grant which runs through the FY2010-2011 fiscal year. Mike asked if Tim Spelde paid for the rental of the LCC and Steve said that he cancelled that rental. Joe Olliges asked about the income under the budget vs. actual report and why there were negative numbers there and Steve said that it was a little confusing, but that the negative number actually represented income that they received over the budgeted amount. Joe asked how they can vote if they don't have a quorum and Steve said that they have a quorum with three and two out of three carrying the vote. Dennis motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [04-10-03]

VII. Director Reports

A. Steve Larry – Joe Rush is the RCD's aquatic manager and also a member of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to the watershed planning committee (WPC). He is doing research for the Watershed Resource Inventory (WRI) that they are compiling for the watershed planning committee. The WPC is made up of residents (mostly farmers) that reside in the Clear Creek watershed who are interested in improving it. Joe is helping from a technical standpoint to gather data such as the VLMP to test for water clarity. They used to send the samples to the DNR; however, the DNR doesn't do the program anymore and Joe recommended that the RCD continue the program through a private company. He found a lab (PDC laboratories) that will process the water samples so the VLMP members will continue the program. The testing results will help the WPC organization with things that they are doing upstream, in the lake, and downstream – the EPA wants to see these testing results. Dennis asked if the testing cost could be offset by grant money and Steve said it May in the next grant that they have applied for toward Babbling Brook. An audience member asked what they tested for and Steve said the turbidity of the water,

alkalinity, chloride, suspended solids, volatile suspended solids, nitrates, phosphorus, nitrogen ammonia, nitrogen ... and chlorophyll. Jerry Sellers explained some of the testing that they do. Mike said that the testing varies month to month and Steve said that if they are successful in their upstream stabilization tactics and maintaining a nitrogen free community then they should theoretically see some results and these tests will show those results as well as how much silt is in the lake. Mike asked if they were successful would they see less change with storms and Steve said that storms are storms and 100 year floods are 100 year floods – he doesn't know if they will see less change due to storms; however, under normal conditions they should see a clearer lake and more plant growth, which will encourage fish repopulation. They are experimenting with lake plants as well.

B. Glenn Baldwin

C. Betty Lou Finn – benches for the dam are due to arrive next week and they will be installed next week by volunteers. Betty Lou has the memorial plaques at her house.

D. Dennis Cantrell – the docks and the LCC are well in hand. They will be doing some maintenance during cleanup day. He asks that people let him know if something needs done. Someone mentioned the mulch needed addressed and Dennis said that if someone has a roto-tiller that they could use then they could address it with that. Michael asked who is responsible for the cul-de-sac at the N. Beach and Steve asked if the RCD pays to have it plowed. Steve said that they are going to work on the parking lot at the LCC. Steve asked Charlie when they are getting the bridge done and Charlie said their not up and running yet – they will call him in a couple weeks when they are ready. Steve asked if they were going to do chip and seal and Charlie said that 30 feet out on each side will be blacktop. Steve asked Charlie to have the ULLPOA let the RCD know when they plan on doing any chip and seal so that they can get a quote to get things done at the same time.

E. Tim Spelde – 1. Security – no security issues. **Life Jackets** – purchased by Steve. **Creel Limits** – stay the same in 2010. Tim has been in contact with some professional bow hunters and the fishing club is going to have them come in at night to go after the carp for only the cost of gas money and at no cost to the RCD. They are also trying to get a commercial fisherman to come and get the carp out of the lake. Tim would like the board to give the nod to allow bow fishermen in the community to come in to fish the carp with the requirement that they register with the RCD office, no bow fish at or within 100 feet of the beaches, and all bow fishing equipment shall have arrows attached to string or bow fishing rig, No arrows shall be unattached and all fishermen shall dispose of fish in the appropriate manner (disposing in the RCD or POA trash bins is not allowed. Steve recommends that the board allow the fishing club to have the bow fishing tournament as a way to get the carp out of the lake and he feels that it is a very safe method because it is close range shooting. Dennis motioned to allow bow fishermen in the community to hunt carp under the guidelines listed above and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [04-10-04]

VIII. New Business

A. Motion to Pass Resolution 01-2010, Preparation of Tentative FY2010-2011 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance – Dennis motioned to pass resolution 01-2010, Preparation of Tentative FY2010-2011 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [04-10-05]

B. Dave Nelson – Peninsula Project Presentation – Steve said that they have a group of volunteers in the community looking at the cleanup of the old earthen dam where the peninsula is located. Dave is experienced in landscape design – his wife and he have owned a garden center, landscaping company and nursery for 18 years. Upon talking to the county and looking at surveys, they have determined that the peninsula is owned by the RCD. Since it was determined that the RCD owned the land, Glenn Baldwin formed a committee to look at a cleanup project on the peninsula. Steve said that during Dave's presentation the board will ask him questions and then after the presentation Steve will allow questions from the audience. Dave said that the committee consisted of himself, Frank Durkin, Glenn Baldwin, Gerry Skyles, Darryl Jordan and Tim Spelde. Dave personally planned the design of the drawings and gave them to Frank who turned it into a presentation. During the winter Dave, Glenn and Frank walked out there and started measuring it and looking to see what was on the island. Dave said that it was hard to believe what was on that island that people don't know about – just for fun he'd like to see if anyone can name one tree or plant that is on that island. The length of the peninsula is 190 feet. The plants on the top of the drawing are the existing plants and there are a lot of scrub trees on there as well. There are two beautiful red oaks that are thriving on the island that need to be pruned (one is about 100 years old and one young oak). There is also a honey locust

and a huge honey suckle bush that needs to be pruned and groups of sumac which Dave said is an architectural dream for landscapers – they plant them all the time and they are very hard to get. They left pockets of the sumac in the design because they are beautiful in the fall and they have an unusual growth pattern - there are too many of them right now which are causing them to die off. Dave cannot see the peninsula from where he lives, rather he has to go to other people's property to see it – he has no underlying motive for beautifying the peninsula other than wanting to volunteer his time to improve the community. He thinks that when the project is completed it will add beauty and value to the lake and surrounding properties. The plan is not to have a mown area for people to walk on; rather, they want to make a natural area that allows the beauty of it to shine. It would be hard to maintain so they didn't want people up there destroying it by being up there doing things that they shouldn't be doing. At the beginning there would be a barrier of a plant called blue chip junipers that spread 3-5 feet that would form a base to retain the soil. In landscape design you usually plant things in groups of 3, 7 or 9. In the original design there was going to be a flagpole and benches and after the benches there are three river birches that grow upright rather than spreading wide. The birches like the water and will retain the soil well. In the pockets they would plant grasses that grow 18-20 inches high, they tolerate drought and stabilize the island as well and filter out the weeds. For variety and color they would plant 5 upright growing crabapple trees. He has planned the plants and trees to be spread out enough to allow for their growth into maturity. He also has red twig dogwood. Dave Nelson talked to a wholesale landscapist and got the lowest prices he could on plants so that the cost is \$1,397.73 for the 13 plants, including delivery. Dave's recommendation is that the board approves the big plant material and as time goes on someone might volunteer to buy the small plant material such as the blue chip juniper, the grasses, the red twig dogwood, and the Stella de oro day lily, which blooms 3-4 times a year. Steve said that regarding the \$1,397.73 that Dave mentioned, there would be little or no cost to the RCD because \$300 that went to purchase the old tables are going into the fund for the park as well as Glenn and Steve donating their per diem to the project. Betty Lou asked what the amount of the per diem and Steve said that the per diem is \$25 per meeting per board member.

Board Member Comments - Steve asked how many of the plants in the plan are deer resistant because in the winter that is their stepping off place to cross the lake. Dave said that they would wrap the oaks because the beaver have already chewed on them. He added that there is a spray that you can put on the trees to repel the deer (although it doesn't work the best) and he asked how often Steve sees that deer down there. Steve said that during the wintertime they will wander down there. Dennis said that he doesn't think that there would be a deer issue with most of the big trees that Dave proposed to put in initially; rather, it is the latter plants are what they need to explore such as the Stella de oro daylily. Steve said that the crabapple is susceptible and they usually go after the low stuff in the yard. He liked what Dave said about soil retention because that is a huge issue on the peninsula – they probably lost a couple feet off of that shoreline during the flood last summer. The RCD has to look at rip-rapping of it or some other form of stabilization – otherwise it is all going to wash away. Betty Lou asked how many trees the \$1,399 buys and Dave said it buys 13 huge trees. Dave said that that price is below wholesale value (which would be around \$2,200, and is significantly less than if you went to a place such as Anne's and bought it (which would be around \$3,000. As a landscaper he'd normally charge another \$1,500 to install the plants so now you are up to \$4,500. Then for the labor to take the scrub out (he has chainsaw cutters, draggers, boat transporters, and diggers) it would be around \$2,500-3,000. So this is a \$7,500 project that would cost the RCD and community nothing while making a beautiful statement. Dave is recommending to the board to allow them to do a cleanup in advance of cleanup day because the project would be impossible to do in one day and his second recommendation would be the RCD to allow them to plant the major plants on clean-up day so that everyone can see the benefit right away.

Dennis asked if Dave has or needs a watering plan for the plants and Dave said that the current watering plan with the 18 different plants - the blue spruces don't need a lot of water while the crabapples and the birches are going to need watering – he was planning on going over there and he would also look for volunteers to help with that.

Betty Lou asked if this was the recommendation of the whole committee and Dave said yes. Betty Lou asked Dave if he remembers telling her that he wouldn't approve a plan unless it was only shrubbery and trees and Dave said he remembers talking to her but that no he doesn't remember saying that. Steve said that Dave said that it was the recommendation of the committee and he may have gone back to the committee on it but he takes Dave at his word. Betty Lou said she just wants to make sure that that is his recommendation and Dave said that the design is his recommendation. She said that he wasn't a man of his word and Steve said that that wasn't fair. The benches and the light pole that are in the design are not factored into the cost that Dave mentioned.

Audience Comments - Carol Durkin said that most of the presentation has been about the plant life and the plantings – a semi-natural approach that is not entirely going with a completely natural environment – it's a little more manicured than she would like it to be. Her main issue is the flag pole and the benches at the end of the peninsula. To her mind the venues of patriotism are getting confused with natural environment. If you have a flag pole in front of your house she thinks that that is very worthwhile and she commends you along with everything that goes along with it. (It is also appropriate) in front of a library, a school, but she feels that a flagpole in the middle of the lake is not appropriate. As for the benches – where you have benches you are going to have people and where you have people you are going to have trash. Living next to the beach she sees the effort that goes into keeping trash off of the beach. Carol did an informal survey – she called 52 people and 50 of those people were opposed to the flag pole and benches. The one gentleman that was in favor of a flagpole was a WW2 veteran whose wife Carol spoke to and who said that her husband would put a flagpole on every street corner available. She submitted the survey list of the people who were opposed to the flag pole and benches. One issue that was brought up in the feedback that she received was the financial burden of the maintenance of a more formal appearance and the fact that the only access to the peninsula is by boat and many people don't have a boat to access and enjoy the benches. Steve summarized by saying that Carol presented a survey that indicates that 50 people are opposed to the flag pole and benches and those they'd like to see it as natural as possible when it is finished. They haven't seen this presentation and hopefully some of the natural side has been answered by Dave in how this will eventually grow. They would have to clean out and replant which would take the weedy stuff away which would make it look somewhat different – Steve heard Dave say that as it grows in it'll take on the natural effect of the grasses. Dave said that it is a maintenance-free planting system except for initially until the plants get rooted. Steve said that the RCD doesn't want to spend money maintaining another park.

Harold Stromberger said that it would be difficult to access the area to follow the proper flag etiquette of either taking the flag down at night or to run power to it to keep it lit at night. He also wants to know why it has to be completely redone because right now it looks natural. They would end up with a landscaped peninsula that will stick out like a sore thumb with natural areas surrounding it on both sides.

Mike Robinson asked about the \$300 that was gotten from tables and Steve said that they received \$300 for the old tables and the money was to be used toward the peninsula project. Mike asked how soon after the trees go in they would install the smaller plants. Dave would like to do it the same day. Mike asked about shoreline stabilization – does the RCD plan to follow the same SOP that they are asking homeowners to do. Steve said that they may have to adjust that because of the accessibility to the peninsula for large equipment – there are other forms, plantings or logrolls that they may have to do to get materials over there. Mike said that even though they want to maintain the ground they don't want the plants close to the edge so that they don't lose them. Mike is concerned with security, because it is only accessible by boat – in the event that some young kids who have a boat and want to go there to have a good time, how is security going to have control over that. Steve said that he doesn't know that it would make it much different from what he has to do now where he goes down and clears up discarded beer bottles. Mike said that if they make it more beautiful then it will attract more people and he is wondering how security would have a handle on it. Steve said that he doesn't know how they would do it other than use the RCD boat as they have asked to use already.

B.J. Miller – B. J. is really opposed to the bench and the flag pole and she thinks that the plantings should be more natural and native to the area. If they use native plants they will take care of themselves and the deer are going to be more likely to leave them alone. She is extremely concerned with the stability of the soil because even though they chose some plants that are really good for stabilizing the soil, it takes awhile (for the plants to establish roots) and by yanking the existing stuff out they are going to disturb the structure of the soil initially and they are not going to recover right away so she thinks that they ought to consider some riprap ahead of time before they start disrupting the soil. B.J. asked if anyone knows what the water table is on the peninsula because it will make a big as to what they plant on there. Dave said that the root structure of a blue spruce grows more laterally– it doesn't grow very deeply.

Charlie Moore – Charlie thinks that they should leave it as it is because he is concerned that if they dig it up they will start an erosion process that they may not be able to stop. The grasses that they plant won't be able to grow fast enough as much as what is already there now holding the soil in place. Steve said that that was a good point of stabilizing the soil and asked Dave what their plan was with the clean-up of the existing plants – had they planned to take it down to bare soil and replant and Dave said that they would not be ripping out some of the low growing natural growth. He planned on taking out the dead sumac. Dave is a proponent of the natural grasses; however, he feels that the grasses need to be studied as to what they are putting on there so that it looks good. Steve said that the blue grasses that Dave suggested would eventually spread and Dave said yes. Steve asked if that grass is prolific enough to take over from the shrub grasses that are

there now. B.J. said that she didn't envision them clearing the land down to bare soil – just taking out larger rooted things that that is where the issue lies. She would look at more than native grasses; for example, there are a lot of native wildflowers that you can plant. It can be beautified yet remain natural.

Jerry Sellers – Jerry said that there were 50 people that said to leave the peninsula natural. When you pass the island and you count the trees planted in groups of 3, 5 and 7, you'll know it's not natural and out of character with what the rest of the lake is made up of. He thinks that they have also underestimated the damage that critters will do to the land. Dennis said that maybe they should discuss this as three separate issues – the just landscaping the area, adding the benches and flag pole or leaving it natural. With the landscaping, he doesn't think that they will all agree on what plants that they want there.

Jan Leggett – has been a homeowner since 1982 and she and her husband Tom would love to see it left alone. They enjoy the natural look of the lake when they are on there.

Harold Stromberger – he thinks that the idea of cleaning up all of the dead stuff and let the natural plants take over the area.

Joe Olliges – against the benches and the flag pole because it will attract people to the area. Some of the people who live across from the area will have to contend with those people.

Steve said that he'd like to separate the flag pole and the benches and take it out of the design of the clean up and plantings. They can bring the question to the community in the next newsletter and get the public's opinion on the flag pole and benches separately. Steve would like some input from B.J. as to the types of plants to put on there as well as long as they are around the same cost and asked that she talk to Dave about that. Steve asked Dave if he thinks that would be fair and Dave said that it seemed somewhat fair and perhaps B.J. could redesign the plan and bring it before the committee.

Harold Stromberger – suggested that they put in the watershed the question whether they should change the appearance of the peninsula from natural or not. Dennis said that the lake isn't even natural itself so the do-nothing approach doesn't appeal to him. The pine forests that are here that people like aren't natural – they were planted by somebody, the lake was created by a dam, the shoreline stabilization that they are doing isn't natural, but they have to do it. He can understand coming up with a compromise on the plantings to make it look more natural; however, his viewpoint is not of a do-nothing on this.

Betty Lou said that if this is not funded by the RCD, and she has not given up her per diem by the way, then why is the RCD board involved in this project – shouldn't it be a Glenn Baldwin project that gets the permission of the RCD to do something? Steve said because they own it, they are involved in it and they would be giving their permission to do something. Betty Lou is concerned that when the board members change to new members who may not want to give up their per diem, how they are going to pay for these things. Steve said that they are putting up the money up front to pay for the cost of doing what they are suggesting that they do (Betty Lou said "but not maintaining it" and Steve added that they are trying to make it as maintenance free as possible. Betty Lou asked what the cost of the flag pole and Steve said that they took the flag pole and the benches off of the agenda.

Mike said that he said that it is two separate issues and Steve said that what he said was that it is not going to be a part of the board's decision on whether or not to clean up the peninsula and add plantings. What would be better is to put something in the newsletter that asks whether the community wants the flag and benches on there.

Harold asked if the board would first get the public's opinion on whether the peninsula should be cleaned up before they vote and Steve said no, the board would vote tonight on whether to clean it up or not. Steve asked Carol to estimate how many people of the 50 would want to leave it alone and she said probably 38. Harold asked Steve to take a pole of the audience here tonight and Steve took a pole of the audience as to whether they would want to see the peninsula cleaned up and planted with stabilizing plants or whether they would like to see it left alone and by show of hands he stated that it was a little bit skewed toward leaving it alone. B.J. said that she thinks that there are going to be people who want to leave it alone and people who are going to want to do something and she thinks that they can come up with a compromise and Steve said that that is why he asked her to work with Dave to come up with that compromise. Dennis said that he is in favor of cleaning up the peninsula and coming up with a plan that could sway the community toward the plan. Betty Lou said that she is not in favor of doing anything. Dave said that if the board wants him working with B.J. on redesigning the plan then it won't get done in time for cleanup day and he may not be able to get the

plants at the quoted prices or have the volunteers lined up. Steve asked how many volunteers Dave has and Dave said about 10. Dave asked B.J. if she will have time to sit down and look at it. B.J. said that she'd be happy to work on a solution that would appease both sides. Dave asked within the next couple weeks and B.J. said she could meet with him in the next couple of weeks before cleanup day. Michael said that they have 10 volunteers who are willing to clean up the dead stuff to let the other stuff grow and flourish – he thinks that they should take advantage of the volunteers and let them clean up the dead stuff. The other issue is whether they are going to plant the new stuff. Steve asked if May was a good time to plant and Dave said it is but he just doesn't know that he can get the volunteers set up later on in the summer season. Steve said let's have some faith that they will get the volunteers after the May meeting and in the meantime, he and B.J. could get together to revise the plan and perhaps meet with the committee one more time and then present their plan at the May meeting. Then the board can make a final decision on plantings at the May meeting and vote here for cleaning it up. Steve asked the board to vote on whether to allow the volunteers to cleanup and commission Dave and B.J. to come together to come up with an alternative plan that offers a more natural state and to come together on a final proposal at the May meeting. Dave said that the cleanup is based on the location of plant material as well so if they just clean it up and don't do the plantings then they will have moved stuff for nothing so instead it should all be tied together. Steve asked if they were moving any plant material in the clean up and Dave said that in the clean up there would be thing taken out of there to match the design and Dennis said that if the design changes then they wouldn't do that. Steve asked when they were planning on cleaning it up and Dave said possibly this weekend and more likely next weekend. Steve asked if that would be enough time for them to talk a little bit so that they would know where to clean up B. J. said that she doesn't want to steal the ball out of his court, it is going to take a collaboration on the design and it would take time for either of them to change it.

Frank said that what is happening is exactly what he didn't want to happen. The primary objective was the clean-up day that is coming up April 24th. B.J. was commissioned by the POA to work with him on the front west gate landscape project. The committee discussed it and initially considered B.J. for the project; however, Frank felt that B.J. was committed to the west gate landscape project and he didn't want to put anymore burden on her to get involved with the peninsula and she agreed. Dave came into the picture and said he had the experience and that he could do it. Frank is concerned that they are going to run out of people resources if it all happens on clean-up day. Dave was going to work around that with his crew, which Frank was fine with; however, he is afraid that B.J. (may not have the time). Steve asked if Frank is in favor of the plan and Frank said that he is in favor of enhancing the peninsula – to what extent he thinks is yet to be defined. Frank added that they have to keep things in perspective – they are committed to the west gate entrance; to him that is the primary objective. Dave is, of course, committed to the peninsula project. Steve asked B.J. if Dave cleaned up those areas then she just has a thought on plantings in those particular areas. B. J. said that her concern would be specific plant material and the impact of the soil; however, she doesn't want to step on Dave's toes or take the project from him, she thinks that they could tweak Dave's existing plan and make it better. Frank said that if B.J. is willing to put that time in then he has no problem in it.

Harold Stromberger stated that the RCD is still going to go through with what they want to do anyhow and Steve said, no, they are going to do what they said that they were set out to do. Harold asked if that was consistent with what the community – he thinks that Carol's survey indicated that the community doesn't like it. Steve said that he didn't get the sense that the general community doesn't want to do anything – at the meeting it was a little skewed toward not doing anything but it wasn't a clear vote.

C. Glenn Baldwin – Motion to Accept Peninsula Project – Dennis motions to approve letting Dave clean-up the peninsula and to get together with B.J. to tweak his existing plan and come back to the May meeting for approval on a plan for planting and Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed with Dennis and Steve voting yes and Betty Lou voting no. [04-10-06]

IX. Guest Comments (limit 5 minutes)

- X. Motion to Adjourn** – Dennis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:55PM and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [04-10-07]

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