



members that were present now. Marty added that they could post the meeting on the RCD's website and Facebook page. Someone in the audience asked what the town hall meeting was about and Mike explained to the audience that they were going to have a town hall meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the potential of allowing 4-stroke gasoline motors on the lake and to have a demonstration of one being used so that people could see what potential noise or wave pollution that the motors could produce so that the board could make an educated decision on it. Marty said that he would also talk to the LLUD to see if they could use their phone system to get the information out. An audience member asked what gas motors would be potentially allowed and Mike said that they had discussed restricting the horsepower and mandating that it was a 4-stroke only as they are supposedly much quieter. They also discussed that they were to pass a law allowing it, they would make it so that it was easily reversed if it didn't work out to be what the public wants and it ended it causing unforeseen problems. Marty said that he doesn't think that the meeting will be very heavily attended and it would be a lot of money to spend to send out a mailing so instead they would use every avenue that they have now – postings at the gates and on the website, asking the LLUD if they can use their phone system, and possibly asking volunteers if they would make phone calls. Don Finn said that many of the fishing club members were not in favor of allowing gas motors on the lake and Marty said that that means there will probably be a lot of fishing club members there then and that was good since this would likely affect them. Glenn said that since it sounded like there were many people against the idea and he only saw one person who was in favor of it, should they bother having the meeting at all and Marty said that he feels that the issue should have its day in court so to speak. Marty said that the board will get the information during the public forum and then at a future meeting they would make a decision and that would be the time to send out a notice to the public to let them know that they would be potentially thinking of doing this and to solicit their opinion on it. Glenn asked how the meeting would be conducted and Marty said that the person who brought the request to the board would bring research that he had done for the board and organize a demonstration of the motor being used in the lake so that they will have some practical information on it. Hopefully those that are against allowing the gas motors on the lake will also have some factual information like a study or a comparison of another lake community who has done the same thing and not just opinion for why they shouldn't be allowed.

- B. Glenn Baldwin** – Rich Kenney asked Glenn about building a dock on his property. Becky said that they could direct them to the website where they can download a shoreline improvement application to get the process started.
- C. Jim Brown – Fellows Upstream Stabilization** – Jim talked to Rebecca Olson and Ed Bettner about having a meeting with the Fellows' to discuss partnering with them under an EPA grant to stabilize their shoreline and they are waiting to talk to them or them sometime in May. They also will find out if they can use the work that Nachusa Grasslands and Pegasus is doing as a match for the grant.
- Babbling Brook Inspection** – Joe Rush contacted Jim about doing an inspection of the work that was done on Babbling Brook in 2012 to follow the requirements of the grant in maintaining the property. Marty asked if it would require taking measurements or if it was just a visual inspection and whether he would require help and Jim said he planned to call Joe and can ask him at that time.
- Dues Structure** – Jim said that he wasn't around in January when the new rate structure was approved but he thinks that it scared everyone away and they are going to end up with a vacant building. Marty said that it is a tight rope that they have to walk because they have to follow the state statute and with the old rate structure they weren't coming anywhere near matching the budget that they spend on managing this building. So if they come up even shorter due to a decrease in rentals, it won't make a significant difference. Jim said that he thinks that they need to find a way to reach out to the community because if they are going to ask them to contribute to the maintenance of the building through a dues increase from the POA then the public is going to need to encourage the POA to do so. Jim said that he feels that he they won't hear from the POA under the rules that have been established under the new rate structure. Marty said that he disagreed – that they have a facility available for people to rent but they can't make people call them to rent the facility so as far as it being a standoff he disagrees; he added that simply, they have an asset to rent but they need to have people call them to rent it but he doesn't know what they can do beyond that. Jim asked why they couldn't call the POA and get them back in the building and Marty said that they went down that road last year and Jim said by threatening the POA and Marty said that he disagreed with the characterization of it being a threat. Jim said that he was disappointed with the letter not having something that they might willingly accept, instead they repeated what they have been hammering all along, he added that he thinks they should have accepted the POA's \$25 an hour offer and

gotten them back in the building and then work with them to get the rest of the community events paid for. Marty said that the problem with that is there would be no incentive then for the POA to help pay for the property owners' use of the building. Glenn said that they have worked almost 2 years with many proposals for the POA and now Marty put out a program in December about how it would be handled, meaning that the rates have been set and they save some money by the building not being used. He feels that the building should be used by all of the property owners and so now they are asking if the POA wants to use the building then they need to come in and sit down with a board member and negotiate the rate. Glenn said that the RCD is the landlord and he sets the rates. Jim said that here they have a situation where the landlord's mortgage is being paid for by the potential renters. He added that the POA and RCD boards are stewards of the people's money thru taxes and dues and they need to make it possible for everyone in the community to use the building to use it. Marty said that he doesn't know what to do other than make a clear pathway (via the contract) for people to rent the building. He thinks that there are other forces at work here such as some POA board members who don't want to see this happen because if they were interested in negotiating a contract that includes the community's free usage for public events since it is their POA dues money that is being spent, they would have contacted the RCD. Marty said that as long as the RCD owns the building they are going to maintain the building and keep it in good working order. George Schwamberger asked what the RCD charges to rent the building for the day and Becky said that it costs \$150 for an 8 hour rental. George said that he remembers when he was in charge of reserving the building, they only charged \$25 to rent it with a \$50 deposit check and it was rented just about every weekend all summer long. Marty said that they have just now started the Spring/Summer rental season so they will see how it is doing. They just started this new rate structure to satisfy the statute and Glenn said that it wasn't just to satisfy the statute, their main goal is taking care of the lake. Schings Park is an example of how shallow it is in places and the RCD is going to need every dime to put into dredging the lake. He feels that the \$10,000 annual rental fee that they offered 2 years ago to the POA was reasonable considering that it costs over \$15,000 a year just to maintain the basic operating expenses of the LCC and basic operating expenses of the RCD are budgeted at about \$115,000 when they only get \$125,000 in taxes – they won't even be able to borrow money to dredge with those kind of income numbers so they are going to need to make every dollar count and in his opinion they have reached out to the POA 4 or 5 times and so it is up to them to contact the RCD to rent the building. Jim said that it costs \$20 an hour to rent the building and if the dues were raised by \$18 a year that would pay for the amount the RCD is asking for so that the POA and community can have unlimited usage of the building so he doesn't understand what they are fighting about the hourly structure. Shawn Parish said that the POA has the money to pay the fee now without raising dues. Jim said that the RCD needs to get the community to encourage the POA to raise the dues to pay for usage of the building. Gene Bronkema said that last year when the POA had the real estate luncheon, the LCC was a big selling point. Maureen said that she is going to ask the POA if they have let the realtors know that free public usage of the LCC is no longer a part of the amenities that POA owners can take advantage of. Maureen said that the POA cut the money that they used to provide for her to buy library because they said that the library and the RCD hadn't been resolved yet. Marty said that as long as they own the building they are going to maintain it and if they have to close the doors and turn the heating and cooling down they are going to do that to help keep the costs down since their budget has shrunk due to lessened property values. Marty said that when he was on the POA board he realized that the POA had a lot of power through their bylaws to elevate the property values and they had the money to do it. Speaking as a POA property owner, he felt that trying to convince a board of directors that is against new growth and development to understand that concept was impossible and he felt that if they are going to have any change, they have to have people who think the way that you do in positions of power. Glenn said that the RCD's priority is the lake and it's scary how shallow some of the parts of it are. Jim said he wanted to propose that two people on from the POA board and RCD board that are not officers (that would be himself and Tim on the RCD board) form a committee to come up with a solution to the rental agreement that both boards will accept. Marty said he had no problem with it as he wants to move forward and if Jim thinks he can make headway then by all means, go for it. He said that he hates to see him do a repeat of what they did last year but he has an open mind on it and there are different personalities now so maybe they can make

headway. Mike said that he is trying to attend the POA board meetings and he encourages the POA board members to come to the RCD meetings because he's observed that there is positive difference in the communication between the boards when they attend each other's meetings. Glenn said he made the presentation to the POA over a year ago, what he proposed would not break the budget of the POA and as the revenues are going down further this year, the RCD needs the POA to move forward on an LCC agreement so that the RCD can (*free up more money to*) take care of the lake. Marty said that if they can negotiate with the POA, they can come up with a pretty sweet deal for the property owners to be able to use the LCC because they are the ones that could be using the building and it's their money – they should be able to tell the POA board how they want them to spend it. For example, if they want to have art classes, exercise classes, social committee events, etc.

- D. Mike Swartz – Park Drive Park Insurance Certificate/Updated Mowing Contract** – Mike said that he is close to having the liability insurance certificate that the POA requested the RCD provide them for the boat racks and docks that are at Park Drive Park. As soon as he gets it from the insurance company, he will send it to the POA. They also requested that the RCD provide them an updated mowing contract for Park Drive Park with the only change being that there is an entity change from the Lost Nation POA to the United Lost Lake POA. Mike updated the contract and will send it to the POA once the RCD board looks at it and approves it. Marty read off the agreement that Mike created (see attachment 1). Marty signed the agreement and Mike will get it back to the POA board. Mike apologized for it taking 4 months to get back to the POA on this item as there were some questions regarding insurance that they had answered since initially the RCD's insurance company said that extra liability insurance wasn't needed since the RCD had it already, they simply needed to add the POA as a certificate holder on the existing policy for that property. There was also a delay because the insurance company had the wrong address on the certificate the first time and Mike requested an updated one from them.

## VII. New Business

**A. Motion to Pass Resolution 01-2015, Prep. Of Tentative FY2015-2016 Budget and Appropriation by Treasurer** – Becky read resolution 01-2015 into the record (see attachment 2) Marty motioned to pass resolution 01-2015, preparation of the tentative FY2015-2016 budget and appropriation by the treasurer and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [04-15-06]

**VIII. Adjourn to Executive Session – Personnel performance review and compensation discussion.** Marty adjourned the meeting to an executive session at 7:16PM.

**IX. Reconvene to Open Meeting** – the meeting reconvened at 7:40PM. Marty motioned to raise Becky Breckenfelder's pay rate from \$17.51 to \$19.50 and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [04-15-07] Marty motioned to approve 32 hours of paid time off each year for Becky Breckenfelder and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [04-15-08] Marty is also going to research potential medical reimbursement for the board to consider at a later date.

## X. Guest Comments

**Walt Shambaugh** – Walt said that two of the reasons that he bought property out here was to use the lake and the activities that the community provided but now all of the activities aren't happening now. Walt mentioned the meeting that would be coming up regarding gas motors on the lake and Marty said that Wes Jaros will be providing the information that he has on the 4-stroke gas motors and that the RCD is not advocating anything, they just want the facts.

**XI. Motion to Adjourn** – Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:46PM and Jim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [04-15-09]

## 4/23/15 Motion List

1. Glenn motioned to approve the agenda and Jim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [04-15-01]

2. Glenn motioned to approve the 11/11/14 minutes and Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with Glenn and Marty for it and Jim and Mike abstaining from the motion. [04-15-02]
3. Glenn motioned to approve the 12/9/14 minutes and Marty seconded the motion. The board approve the motion with Glenn and Marty for it and Jim and Mike abstaining from the motion. [04-15-03]
4. Jim motioned to approve the 2/26/15 minutes and Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with Mike and Glenn abstaining from the motion. [04-15-04]
5. Glenn motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Mike seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [04-15-05]
6. Marty motioned to pass resolution 01-2015, preparation of the tentative FY2015-2016 budget and appropriation by the treasurer and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [04-15-06]
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## Attachment 1

**Lost Nation New Landing River Conservancy District of Illinois  
and United Lost Lake Property Owners Association Mowing  
Agreement for Parkside Park**

In April 2006 an agreement was signed regarding the mowing of Parkside Park by the Lost Nation New Landing River Conservancy District of Illinois (RCD).

The United Lost Lake Property Owners Association (ULLPOA) owns Parkside Park and allows the RCD to construct and maintain boat storage racks at this location. For this convenience, the RCD agrees to mow the lawn at Parkside Park on an as needed basis.

Any boat that is stored on this property must be in compliance with all RCD and ULLPOA rules and regulations.

This letter serves to formally document this agreement as long as the boat racks are utilized by the Persons of Lost Lake through the RCD.

Approved:

RCD \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

ULLPOA \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachment 2**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE LOST NATION-NEW LANDING River CONSERVANCY DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
Resolution 01-2015  
Preparation of Tentative FY2015-2016 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance**

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2015, The Lost Nation - New Landing River Conservancy District of Illinois Board Motions to direct Rebecca Breckenfelder, treasurer, to prepare a tentative fiscal year 2015-2016 budget and appropriation ordinance period from May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016 for presentation at the May 21, 2015 meeting.

**DATED** this 23rd day of April, 2015.

          /s/:  
Marty Portner, President

          /s/:  
Glenn Baldwin, V.P.

          /s/:  
Tim Spelde, Member at Large

          /s/:  
Jim Brown, Member at Large