



LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

August 12, 2014 Time: 7:00PM

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

Board Members Present –

Marty Portner – Vice President

John Harris – Secretary

Tim Spelde – Member at Large

Steve Larry – Member at Large

Board Members Absent – Glenn Baldwin - President

- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

- III. **Motion to Approve the Agenda** – Steve motioned approve the agenda with the addition of item New Business Items D. Research Special Tax Assessment and item E. Security for the Lake Court Center and F. Approval to pay Rochelle Insurance the 2014 annual premium of \$5,108 and agenda item III. Barb Lundeen: Pennies for Parks Zombie Campground Tour. John seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-14-01]

- IV. **Barb Lundeen – Pennies for Parks Zombie Campground Tour** – Barb explained the Zombie Campground event that Pennies for Parks is hosting on October 25th of which she is requesting volunteer and/or sponsorship of the event by the RCD board members. Marty said that he would be interested in participating and wondered if she had more specific details of what they would be doing. The theme for the RCD that she suggested was Sasquatch 0, Zombies 1 scenario; however, she welcomes any ideas on themes that the RCD board members would want to do. Carla Anderson is going to be talking to the fishing club to see if they would be willing to host the Zombie Fisherman theme. Tim suggested that they could have an adult after-party. Tim has a fog machine and another audience member said he has one too. Tim said that they may want to consider a rain date and a less scary tour for the littler kids. Barb said that they were planning to have a less-scary tour when it was still daylight out, which would be directly after the kids' Halloween costume contest. They would also consider a rain date – Becky suggested the next day (Sunday). They are not going to charge a fee for the event; rather they will ask for free-will donations and any contributions that people want to give to the event. Each of the board members said that they would donate \$50 of their per diem money toward the event for a total of \$200. Becky said that they reason that they are offering this for free-will donations only is that in order to qualify for state sales tax exemption, they need to show that they provide events for a free to those who can't afford to pay for them.

- V. **Motions to Approve the 6/19/2014 & 7/8/14 Minutes - Tabled**

- VI. **Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report** - On July 12th a microburst tornado-like event occurred in Lost Lake, causing severe damage to many of the properties in the community, including some property damage on RCD property. The tennis court fencing was damaged and several trees were uprooted which Marty had Shawn Parish and Jeff Winterland take care of. That will show up on next month's report. Steve asked if the POA board responded to Marty's question to them on whether they would pay for half of the RCD's cost to maintain and burn the burn pile that the RCD allowed the property owners of the community use after the storm. Marty said that they had not responded to him yet. Steve motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-14-02]

- VII. **Director Reports**

A. Marty Portner – Marty said that the shingles that they chose are the same as what they had before. He has a friend who is a design consultant who will give him some free advice on what color to paint the trim to complement the new roof. Shawn and Jeff did a great job of burning the burn pile. Marty asked George Kersten to help with maintaining the safety of the burn pile while it was burning and he actually brought a pumper truck down in case the fire got out of hand. Marty is going to have Becky type up a letter to the Franklin Grove fire department to let them what a great volunteer that they have working for them.

B. John Harris – Someone had asked John why the silt on Flagg Rd was left there and he replied that it needs to dewater before it is hauled away. John has seen people fishing off of the bridge and on POA property near the east gate. II

D. Tim Spelde – Tim is still following up on getting the permit to have a professional fisherman get rid of the carp in the lake. Tim and Tom Clarey have been taking new silt measurements on the lake. The bottom of the lake is pretty hard. Marty asked about the clarity of the lake and Tim said it is a lot better. Steve explained some of the plans that they want to do to dredge and Tim said that they will probably need to do both mechanical and hydraulic dredging of the lake. Tim talked about the IALC membership that the RCD used to have and whether they should collaborate with the POA to restart it.

E. Steve Larry - Upper Babbling Brook - Martin said that they may not be done with phase two by the August 12th deadline.

VIII. New Business

A. Jeff Winterland – LCC Playground – Potential Baseball Diamond – Jeff brought copies of a map of the playground and volley ball court and presented the proposal to the RCD. He would provide the labor free of charge to do this and use the fencing that was taken from the tennis court as it cannot be reused. The board will talk w/ neighbors and table it until next meeting. Steve asked Becky to submit a flyer the neighbors to let them know what they might do. .

B. Motion to Approve the FY2014-2015 Tax Levy – Marty read off the first paragraph of the tax levy in the amount of \$135,650 (see attached). Marty motioned to approve the FY2014-2015 tax levy and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-14-03]

C. Motion to Approve Extra Expense of \$1,500 to Piper Construction for Sheeting on Roof – the east side of the roof had only tongue and groove while the west side had OSB laid over the boards. The trusses are 6 ft apart (should be 2-4 ft apart). All of this combined caused the boards to separate which was part of the source of the leak in the roof on the east side. Steve motioned to approve an extra \$1,500 to Piper Construction for sheeting the east side of the roof and John seconded the motion The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-14-04]

D. Research Special Tax Assessment – The tax base that the RCD draws their income from has gone down so that they are getting \$30,000 less a year in tax income. Over the course of the next few years, that will result in over \$100,000 in lost revenue. Although they will try to limit the amount that they borrow, they will probably have to get a loan to help pay for it. They are also still waiting for feedback from the POA as to whether they will pay for their and the community's public usage of the center. Becky questioned Jim Harrison, the supervisor of assessments, who sent a copy of the statute that the RCD is governed under which Becky forwarded to the board. She said that she is assuming that they would have to draw up a referendum to be put on the next ballot for voters in the district to vote on. She recommended that they consult their attorney on drawing up the referendum. Steve asked about the timing of it and Marty said that it would probably be added to the next general election that they would turn it in to the county in time for. Steve asked Becky to find out the timeline on when they would need to turn it in for the next election. The board discussed the details of the POA's budget process with Don Finn at length. Marty said that the RCD has done all they can to request funding from the POA – they are just waiting feedback from them.

E. Security for the Lake Court Center – Marty said that the locks haven't been changed in awhile and there are a lot of keys that they can't account for. He wants to rekey the doors and then notify the people who have keys and reissue keys to them based on need. Steve said that it makes sense to update the locks and reissue one key to each of the groups that use it. Marty said that they can also have only two of the doors require keys to get it, for example, the kitchen and front door, while the rest of them would not be keyed, instead, they would only be opened from the inside. This would save on future rekeying of the doors. Marty would like to see a change in the office to include a counter to separate the office personnel from the public as you see in any public office as it looks more professional. He would still want to share the office with the library, he just wants to have it separated – he asked the other board members if they'd like him to draw up a plan and cost estimate of it. The other board member gave him the go ahead to look into it.

F. Approval to pay Rochelle Insurance the 2014 annual premium of \$5,108 – the insurance cost went up this year. The RCD's agent asked 5 different agencies for quotes and either they couldn't provide the coverage for the type of exposure that the RCD has or it was more expensive. John motioned to approve the insurance premium of \$5,108 and Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-14-05]

IX. Guest Comments

Dave Shaw asked if there would be a way for members of the RCD district to tour the UBB site and Steve said not at this time since it is an active construction site; however, they were planning a presentation and luncheon for the public on September 10th.

Jeff Winterland – Jeff asked the board if (Herlehy) had submitted a shoreline stabilization rebate and variance request to the board and they said no. Becky gave her the paperwork. Marty asked what the variance was for and Jeff said that they shore is steeper there and so he would build a tow out into the water to make a gentler slope.

- X. Motion to Adjourn** – Steve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [08-14-06]

August 2014 Motion List

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ATTACHMENT 1

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING THE TAXES
OF THE LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RIVER CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
MAY 1, 2014 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2015**

WHEREAS, on the 19th of June, 2014, the Board of Trustees, of the LOST NATION / NEW LANDING RIVER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, Ogle County, Illinois, passed the Annual Appropriation Ordinance of said District for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2014, and ending April 30, 2015, and upon said date, the said Ordinance was duly signed and approved by the Vice President of the Board of Trustees of said District, and signed by the Secretary of said Board of Trustees; thereafter on the 3rd day of July, 2014, said Ordinance was duly published in the Dixon Telegraph Newspaper being a newspaper within the general circulation in said River Conservancy District.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Trustees of the LOST NATION / NEW LANDING RIVER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, Ogle County, Illinois

SECTION 1: That the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (135,650.00) be, and the same is hereby assessed and levied from and against all taxable property within the limits of said LOST NATION / NEW LANDING RIVER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, as the same is assessed and equalized for State and County purposes for the current fiscal year of said River Conservancy District commencing May 1, 2014, and ending April 30, 2015, and to be applied in liquidation of the appropriations heretofore made by Ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees of said River Conservancy District at a meeting thereof regularly convened and held on June 19, 2014, and duly published as provided by law; the various objects and purposes, for which said appropriations were heretofore made, are set forth under column entitled "Appropriated" and the specific amount hereby levied for each object and purpose is as set forth under the column entitled "Levied" as follows:

GENERAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSE	APPROPRIATED	LEVIED
Administration		
Licenses, Membership, Permits	\$ 75.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00	
Per Diem	\$ <u>1,350.00</u>	\$ 2,275.00
Education	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Insurance - Fire, extended	\$ 918.00	\$ 550.00

	APPROPRIATED	LEVIED
Lake and Beach Maintenance		
Beach	\$ 1,500.00	
Dam	\$ 1,000.00	
Dock, Boat & Lake equip. & Lake Plants	\$ 2,000.00	
Fish	\$ 6,100.00	
Silt and bank erosion control	\$ 7,500.00	
Stabilization Rebate Program	\$ 5,000.00	
Upper Babbling Brook (Grant Funded)	\$ 351,737.70	
Watershed Partnership	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>	\$ 27,100.00
	\$ 377,837.70	
Land and Building		
Lake Court Center		
LCC Expenses Over \$2,000 – Roof	\$ 20,000.00	
LCC Garbage Removal	\$ 550.00	
LCC Gas & Electric	\$ 6,000.00	
LCC General Maintenance Under \$2,000	\$ 2,000.00	
LCC Insurance	\$ 482.00	
LCC Mowing/Grounds Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00	
LCC Parking Lot Maint. Under \$1,000	\$ 1,000.00	
LCC Security	\$ 550.00	
LCC Snow Removal	\$ 400.00	
LCC Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	
LCC Tennis Court & Playground	\$ 500.00	
LCC Water & Sewer	\$ 1,000.00	
Mowing & Grounds Maintenance	\$ 5,500.00	
Pop Machine Supplies	\$ 500.00	
Repairs and updates (Grounds)	\$ 4,500.00	
Snow Removal	\$ 350.00	
Supplies (Grounds)	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	\$ 29,182.00
		\$ 46,832.00
Office Supply and Postage		
Equipment and Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	
Postage and Delivery	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	\$ 2,500.00
		\$ 2,500.00
Printing and Communication		\$ 1,000.00
Professional Fees		
Aquatic management	\$ 2,500.00	
Grant Writing	\$ 0.00	
Legal	\$ 800.00	
Other (engineer, wildlife cont., clerical)	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	\$ 4,300.00
		\$ 4,300.00
Reserve Accounts		\$ 138,897.04
Security		\$ 3,680.00
Travel		\$ 125.00
Utilities		
Garbage	\$ 2,050.00	
Portapotty	\$ 1,400.00	
Telephone	<u>\$ 1,400.00</u>	\$ 4,850.00
		\$ 4,850.00
Volunteer Outreach		\$ 200.00
Wages		\$ 24,050.00

	APPROPRIATED	LEVIED
TOTAL GENERAL CORPORATE EXPENDITURE	\$ 607,664.74	\$ 131,150.00
Levied from the tax for general corporate purposes		
TORT IMMUNITY INSURANCE FUND	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Tort immunity – Liability		
Levied from the proceeds of special liability insurance tax, in addition to all other River Conservancy District taxes.		
ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDIT FUND		
Annual report and audit	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Levied from the proceeds of special annual report and audit tax, in addition to all other River Conservancy District taxes.		
SUMMARY		
General Corporate Expenditure		\$ 131,150.00
Tort Immunity Insurance Fund		\$ 4,000.00
Annual Report and Audit Fund		\$ 500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 135,650.00

SECTION 2: That the Secretary is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Ordinance with the County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois within the time specified by law.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as required by law.

SECTION 4: That the County Clerk of Ogle County may levy and collect taxes for the current year at a rate not in excess of 0.75% of the value of all taxable property within the District as equalized or assessed by the Department of Local Government Affairs.

PASSED: August 12, 2014

APPROVED: August 12, 2014

/s/ Marty Portner
Marty Portner, Vice President

/s/ John Harris
John Harris, Secretary

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