



## LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

### March 3, 2009      Time: 7:00PM

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call** – Marty called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Board Members Present

Marty Portner	- President	Steve Larry	- Vice President
Herb Hill	- Secretary	Betty Lou Finn	- Member at Large

Board Members Absent

Glenn Baldwin	- Member at Large
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**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Motion to Approve Agenda** - Betty Lou motioned to approve the agenda and Herb seconded the motion. Herb requested that C. LCC Carpet Cleaning and D. LCC Basement Sump Pump be added to New Business and to strike item A. Dennis Reiter: CenturyTel Request for Easement from Old Business. Betty Lou struck motion to approve agenda and motioned to approve the agenda with the above changes. Steve seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-09-01]

**IV. Motion to Approve the 01/06/2008 and 2/03/2008 Minutes** – Steve motioned to approve the January 6<sup>th</sup> minutes and Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-09-02]

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**V. Review and Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report** – Herb asked about the snow removal bill and to compare it to last year; plowing was less expensive this year because they didn't have the dam plowed. The RCD paid \$448.92 to JadEco for February; \$633 for January and \$680 for February to Olson Ecological \$453.20 for security; \$2,500 to Kaskaskia Engineering for the riprap SOP; \$800 to Wes's tree service for snow removal; \$478.40 for Herb and Becky to attend the annual ILMA conference. Steve motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-09-04]

**VI. New Business –**

**A. Lost Lake POA Request for Property Swap** – Don Finn approached the board with an unofficial request to see if, in the future, the RCD would be interested in doing a property swap with the POA. The properties that they would refer to would be the RCD's three lots 1-3 on Flagg Road in exchange for the POA lots that are adjacent to the RCD's lots 12 and 13 on Oak Lane. Steve and Marty both said that they are open for discussion on it. Marty said that they would have to look at whether a swap between a government body and a private organization would be legal, and as far as selling the property, it would have to go out for auction, which may work out in the ULLPOA's favor. Marty asked what use the POA would have for the land and Don said that they would build a new POA office building there and even possibly large enough to lease office space to LLUD and the RCD so that they would all be combined into one building. Becky wondered if they could lease the property to the POA, similar to what they did with Taylor Township for the Public Safety Building and Jerry Sellers said that that was given to the township, not leased to them. Steve said that if the POA does come to the RCD with a formal request then the POA

would probably research it first and then bring it to the board where they would officially discuss it. Mike Robinson said that Mick Kasmerski was one of the POA board members that brought up this possibility at the POA meeting because the site is more centrally located than the office on Missouri Drive and would be right at the entrance of the community. Mike suggested that the RCD could ask their lawyer about it and Marty said that they could give the POA permission to talk to their lawyer with the bill going to the POA. Don said that they can't do that at this time because the POA board voted down them investigating the legality of a property swap, however, they were allowed to ask if the RCD would be interested in it – the discussion is unofficial. Mike asked Marty whose responsibility he thought it was to know if a land trade would be legal – the RCD's or the POA's and Marty said that the RCD should know that and there may even be a legal opinion in the RCD files. Becky will research and find the files to find the opinion on it.

**B. Herb Hill – ILMA Conference Synopsis** – Herb said that he learned a lot at the conference and brought back copious amounts of literature from it. He added that it was a pleasure to attend a meeting where so many people were together for the same worthwhile purpose – maintaining the integrity of Illinois lakes and waterways. Herb obtained contacts for information on everything from obtaining grants to what chemicals are safe for use in the lake. Herb thinks that it is a very important organization and that the RCD should send someone down there every year to keep abreast of what is going on. He spoke to a biologist about the chemical that is down in the basement and he told Herb that it was an aquacide to help kill the mats of algae that float in the lake and that it can't hurt the lake – the worst case scenario is that it doesn't work and at least they get rid of it by using it. Otherwise, it could be very expensive to dispose of it in another way. Steve asked Herb if he could give the name of the chemical to Joe Rush to find out more about it. Jerry also suggested contacting Wes Scheffler, who lives on the lake and was the chief chemist for Byron Nuclear. Herb said that there was also an excellent presentation done by a group of high school students about proper drug disposal where the students divided up into groups and tackled different methods of advertising it. One group created a jingle; another was responsible for creating billboards and one student created a video. Basically, the best way to dispose of outdated or unnecessary medications is to bring it to your local participating pharmacy, where they ship the drugs off for disposal by properly filtered incineration methods. The reason this affects lakes and streams is because many people still think that the best method is to flush the medications down the toilet – unfortunately they end up in our lakes and streams, which affects our fish populations. Hard drugs can be taken to your local police station for disposal– supposedly with no questions asked.

Becky said that at the grant seminar she learned that some of the grants that the RCD is going for are extremely hard to obtain and she feels that the wealth of knowledge and expertise that Rebecca Olsen has provided the RCD is invaluable. There was seminar on controlling phosphorus in your watershed from which Becky obtained a phosphorus pamphlet that was produced by the Lake County Lakes Management Unit out of Waukegan, IL and she thought that the RCD might be interested in using it as a prototype for a brochure of its own. The most important thing that Becky learned from attending the ILMA conference is that thanks to people like Frank Durkin and Jerry Sellers going to the ILMA conferences in the past and networking, eventually obtaining both an aquatic manager (Joe Rush) and a professional grant writer, the RCD is on the right path.

**C. LCC Carpet Cleaning** – Herb is going to schedule to have the LCC carpets cleaned in March.

**D. LCC Basement Sump Pump** – Herb said that the sump pump is out and there is six inches of water in the basement. Becky will contact Don to take care of it.

## **VII. Old Business**

**A. Survey** - tabled

## **VIII. Employee / Committee / Consultant Reports**

**A. Jerry Sellers - LMC/Aquatic Management Update**

**1. Silt Basin** – Six engineering firms responded to the RCD's request for qualifications and out of those six they narrowed it down to two firms. They will ask them to come in to present their path forward on how they would tackle the project. They will also be contacting the same group of firms about managing a dredging project for 2009. Incidentally, one of the firms that Jerry spoke to about their qualifications for the silt basin, Willett and Hofmann, said that they couldn't submit them because they didn't feel that they had the expertise to do that type of design work, although they did design the Flagg Road Silt Basin in 1982. Frank Durkin will be taking on Goose Control again this year.

**2. Shoreline Stabilization** – There is a special meeting of the RCD on shoreline stabilization that will be held on Saturday. Don Finn said that the company out of Freeport that bid on riprap is holding their bid to the same price that they quoted last fall. Becky researched the shorelines to try to obtain linear measurements on all of the shorelines and has come up with 80%. The POA was nice enough to allow the RCD to use their GIS account to get a lot of that info. She will send the numbers to Joe Rush and Jerry suggested that Becky talk to Joe and find out if some of the properties might not need remediation and so won't need to be considered in the budgeting.

**B. Grant Program Update** – Steve said that they are continuing to work on the 319 grant process. Tomorrow Steve and Rebecca are meeting with the NRCS to reengage them with the RCD's watershed plan, silt basin and riprap projects. They are looking at coming up with application of the next grant process, which is for the State Wildlife Grant (or SWG).

**C. Becky - Boat Stickers, Dock Registration** – Becky mailed out boat sticker applications and will be mailing out dock registration applications tomorrow.

**IX. Guest Comments** – Robert Stocksdale suggested that they should put down recommendations of people in the area who can repair docks – Becky said that if they ask, she gives them the names of some of the people who do that type of work.

Jerry asked if the Meyers family has committed to working for the RCD again this year. Becky will ask Glenn to contact them to make sure that they will be working for them again and to let them know that some RCD docks need repair and whether they have the expertise to do that kind of work.

**X. Motion to Adjourn Meeting** – Steve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:19PM and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-09-05] [Next Regular Meeting: April 7, 2009]

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