



## LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD March 11, 2008 Time: 7:00PM

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Marty called the meeting to order at 7:04PM**

**Board Members Present**

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

**Board Members Absent**

Dan Dummett	-	Vice President	Tina Trevino	-	Treasurer
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**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Motion to Approve Agenda –** Betty Lou motioned to approve the agenda. Herb seconded the motion. Marty requested the addition of D. Linda Marini – Yoga Class Request under New Business and B. Frank Durkin- Lost Lake Survey and C. Joe Olliges – Fish Stocking, Creel Limit Recommendations under Employee/Committee Report. Betty Lou amended her motion to include the recommendations. Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-08-01]

**IV. Motion to Approve the 02/12/08 Minutes –** Betty Lou motioned to approve the 2/13/08 minutes. Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-08-02]

**V. Review and Motion to Approve Treasurer’s Report –** Total assets at end of February - \$1,716,516.70, with \$7,000 in checking and \$102,000 in money market. As of now there is about \$4,000, so, with Tina’s permission, Becky will move some money from the money market to checking to ensure that there is enough to cover expenses. Mike Robinson asked how many keys to the LCC that the RCD has issued to people and Becky said that about 25 people have keys to the building. Herb motioned to approve the treasurer’s report. Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-08-03]

**VI. New Business**

**A. Motion to pass resolution # [03-08-04] Preparation of Tentative FY2008-2009 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance –** Becky read the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2008 the Lost Nation-New Landing RCD Board motions to direct Tina Trevino, treasurer, to prepare a tentative fiscal year 2008-2009 budget and appropriation ordinance for presentation at the April 8, 2008 meeting.  
Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008.

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**B. Discussion of Request to Allow Renter’s Sleep-Over at LCC –** A resident of the district was interested in renting the building for a sleep-over on the night of the 20<sup>th</sup> of March. It would be a chaperoned event with about 14 girls in attendance in the age range of 14 years old. She would like to rent the facility from 6:00 in the evening until the following morning unless the board didn’t want to entertain the idea then she would probably rent it from 6:00 to 10:00PM. Jerry Sellers said that the LCC was already booked for a special meeting on that evening. Marty said that he had a lot of questions to ask and had hoped that the resident would have been here to answer them. He said that they don’t have experience with security in the evening and that even though it would be chaperoned, that they might have too much untested liability. Mike

Robinson wondered what the adult to child ratio would be. Herb said he is not particularly against it, however, he would like to know more about it as well.

Jerry asked how items get put on the agenda without prior notice to the board or was there prior notice given. Marty said that he was given notice on some of the added items a week ago. New items are added with a board member's authorization.

**C. Dennis Cantrell Shoreline Improvement Request** – Marty spoke with Mr. Cantrell about a shoreline improvement that he would like to implement on the property adjacent to the lot that his current house is on. At Marty's request, Dennis filled out an application and turned it in, along with drawings of the scope of work to be performed. Since the request came to them before the new standards were set, Marty feels that they should consider it and give an answer to Mr. Cantrell within 30 days. He would like the LMC and Joe Rush to look at the application and drawings and give recommendations. Herb asked if the work was compatible with what Mr. Cantrell did before and Marty said yes. Marty asked Mr. Cantrell to include the material that he will use on the project and to give details of the construction process. Tabled until next month.

**D. Linda Marini – Yoga Class Request** – Linda Marini would like to reserve the Lake Court Center on a weekly basis for Yoga classes, to be taught by a certified yoga instructor. The instructor that Linda had in mind would provide mats and her own liability insurance. She would need a minimum of eight participants to hold the classes – that is why Linda had proposed the question of whether people from outside the community could participate as well. The instructor would hold two classes back to back each Thursday for eight weeks under the same rental from the RCD and charge the students a fee per class. She was also wondering if some potential students from Kreider could be bussed in to participate in her classes. Marty said that the RCD allows community groups such as the POA's and the LLUD to use the facility free of charge because they serve a wide community purpose and it is a community service that they offer. They also have a policy not to have an overtly commercial enterprise use the facility. The yoga class would be earning money, however, it would also be serving the community so it falls in to a grey area, although from listening to Linda, Marty does not feel that their main goal is to make money, rather, she would like to provide a service to the community. Marty asked how Linda would promote the classes and Linda said they would need to get information out to the Lost Lake community to see if there is at least 16 people (eight in each class) interested. Herb asked what the maximum amount per class was and Linda said 15. Marty asked if the people outside the community that the instructor is asking about is a core group that she already has or if it was going to be opened up to a wider scope. Linda replied that there were a couple of people who live outside the community who had been looking for a yoga instructor and would like to use it. Herb said that they would have to put a preference on the people in the community first and then if there was room left then perhaps outside people could attend. Marty would rather put a restriction on the classes that they only be available to district members and that Linda would have to be responsible as the renter. The fee schedule to rent the facility would be \$50 a day for the two classes. Linda would like to talk to the instructor to let her know the fee schedule see if there is enough interest in the community and get back to the board. Tabled until further notice.

## **VII. Employee / Committee Report**

**A. LMC – Annual ILMA Conference** – Frank Durkin thanked the RCD for the opportunity to send Jerry and him to the conference. The conference focused on issues that have a major impact on our lake, with two of the top issues being soil erosion control and shoreline stabilization. Frank said that to move forward, the RCD must establish a lakeshore stabilization policy that will apply to all lakeshore property owners. Over 40 years ago, Lost Lake went from being a 15 acre lake to a 90 acre lake. The developers at that time paid little attention to soil erosion or lake stabilization. Our responsibility started at that time as a lake community, however, very little has been done in those 40 years. Eight months ago the RCD sent a mailing to the 83 lakeshore property owners inviting the owners to the first Lost Lake Shore property owners meeting and included three publications put out by the IEPA entitled "Shoreline Stabilization", "Shoreline Buffer Strips", and "Canadian Geese and Your Lake". About 30 property owners responded and attended the meeting in which Joe Rush, the RCD's professional lake manager, and Heather Morton, from Pizzo and Associates, a lakeshore stabilization company gave presentations...**continued below**

Marty needed to leave the meeting early, however, there would then not be a quorum to continue the meeting so Marty recessed the meeting for a few minutes to take care of a business matter before reconvening the meeting.

Marty reconvened the meeting. Marty said that in order to vote on approval of funds for specific items, whoever requests the expenditure should submit it to the board to be put on the agenda prior to the meeting.

.....**continued from above** At the conclusion of ILMA conference last week they met with Joe Rush, their professional lake consultant, and asked him if he would consider being their project manager for the lakeshore stabilization program because they felt that the importance and complexity of the project required a professional to ensure that it would be a success. They asked Joe to submit a proposal to the RCD board for their review and approval. Frank said that he, Jerry Sellers, and Joe Rush thanked each of their LMC volunteers for their contributions to their various projects. In recognition of their efforts, the IEPA will be presenting certificates of participation and excellence to each member at the next LMC meeting, which starts their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of successful lake testing. Frank would like to set up a wall in the LCC to recognize the LMC volunteers. Marty agreed that that would be nice and added that he would like some head shots of the volunteers alongside their certificates.

**B. Frank Durkin – Lost Lake Survey** – Joe, Jerry and Frank have discussed the Round Lake/ILM conference survey and their interest in edit them to apply to the Lost Lake community. Frank has reviewed the survey and given his suggested alterations and he thinks that forming a board member-led committee to help design the survey would be one way to do it. Betty Lou will contact Joe Rush on getting an electronic copy and modifying it so that it fits Lost Lake using Frank's suggestions.

**C. Joe Olliges – Fish Stocking, Creel Limit Recommendations** – Based on the survey that the IDNR did on the lake in 2007, Joe Olliges recommended that the board budget \$3,600 for fish stocking and that the 2008 creel limit stays the same as last year.

**D. John Mulholland – Clean-up day** – John asked that the RCD call Sandy Lewis if they have anything that they need done for Clean-up day.

**Bus Shelter** – John asked if the RCD would allow the POA to purchase and spread CA-8 gravel down at the entrance of the bus shelter at Oak Lane Park – the board agreed.

**Weed Control and 55 gallon garbage bags for Oak Lane Park**– John uses roundup on the weeds at Oak Lane Park and replaces the garbage bags there. The board approved reimbursing him for those expenditures.

**E. Interview Grant Writer** – Dan Dummett, Jerry, and Marty interviewed Rebecca Olson last Saturday and Jerry asked the board to consider engaging her services. Marty said that he requested a fee schedule from her and is waiting for that information. He has a copy of her resume that he will make copies of for the other board members. Herb said that he would like to know more about the services she would provide and how much it will end up costing. Jerry said that he would like to see \$10,000 allocated to a line item for grant writing. Marty said that they discussed Rebecca's ability to analyze the RCD's situation and to select the grants that are appropriate and that the RCD has a good chance of getting. She would also manage the research and paperwork involved in writing the grants. She has an impressive list of contacts and knows what it takes to get a grant through the system. Herb said that with the climate of budgetary restraints in the state of Illinois he is questioning the ability of the RCD to obtain a grant. Frank said that one of the biggest advantages is that we have a public lake. Jerry said that, he sent a C2000 grant to Marty that had been put together by Bill Kleiman for the Clear Creek watershed – it would be a good template for the board to review. Joe Olliges said that the RCD doesn't have enough board members, volunteers, or expertise to do this and so they need to pay for it or not go forward with it. Marty said that he can call the references on her resume if they want to get an idea of what her past success has been. He added that the first thing they would have to

do is ask Joe Rush what he wants her to do, which is probably to bring her out here to familiarize her with what we have out here. Harold Stromberger suggested that the board ask her what she would charge the RCD to look at the lake and evaluate the potential for the different kinds of grants that the RCD might qualify for. The board agreed that that was a good idea and Marty said that they have some money in this year's budget to cover professional fees and that he will call her about it. Herb asked if Joe Rush would be increasing the amount of work that he would be doing for the RCD and Jerry said definitely, especially if the RCD accepts his proposal to survey the lake's shorelines. Joe Olliges said the state still hasn't approved its budget and so some of the state grants that she might propose might have to wait for that. Mike Robinson asked how many of the grants that she has written have been approved and stated that if she has gotten money for the (like) grants that she has written, then she is successful. Jerry outlined some of the people and programs that Rebecca has worked with such as the Vogles, the C2000 grant program, etc. Marty said that he would like to ask Rebecca to do a presentation that the RCD would pay her for that would give them an idea how much money is available, how much they would expect to get if she would write the grants for them, and what types of grants they would have a good chance of getting. The board agreed.

Jerry asked if the board would approve ILM to come out to do measurements at the silt basin now that it has been dredged so that they can get an idea of how much silt is coming in. They did this test last year and would do the same procedure this year so the measurements would be relative to what they took last year. They would charge \$1875. Marty told Jerry that they have money left in this year's budget so he could go ahead and tell them to proceed – they will approve the expenditure of \$1875 at the next meeting.

**VIII. Guest Comments** – Becky – need approval for \$900 bill for snow removal – Marty said table till next meeting.

**IX. Motion to Adjourn** – Betty Lou motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:02PM. Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-08-05] **Next Scheduled Meeting: April 8, 2008**

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