



## LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

### November 13, 2012 Time: 7:00PM

**I. Call to order** – Glenn called the meeting to order at 7:05PM

**Board Members Present**      Glenn Baldwin – President      Dennis Cantrell – Vice President  
 John Harris – Secretary      Tim Spelde – Member at Large      Marty Portner – Member at Large

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Motion to Approve the Agenda** – Marty motioned to approve the agenda and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [11-12-01]

**IV. Motions to Approve the 8/14/2012, 9/11/12 & 10/9/12 Minutes** – Dennis motioned to approve the 8/14/2012 minutes and John seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [11-12-02] Tim Arrived. Marty motioned to approve the 9/11/2012 and 10/9/2012 minutes and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with Marty, Dennis, Glenn and Tim for it and John abstaining from the vote. [11-12-03]

**V. Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report** – Dennis asked about the payout to Schulze removing sand and Tim said that that Schulze removed some of the sand and put down a load of gravel and two loads of CA6 rock at the campground turnaround in the back so that people can safely turn around in their cars without getting stuck. Dennis asked how much rental income has been generated from LCC rentals and Becky said about \$1,300 for the year ***(the LCC rental spreadsheet shows income of \$1,450 for the calendar year and \$750 for the fiscal year as of Oct. 31)***. Dennis motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [11-12-04]

**VI. New Business**

**A. Lot 16 Stabilization Bid Opening** – One contractor, Schulze Services, submitted a bid for the stabilization of 214 ft. of shoreline on lot 16 off of Oak Lane. Because the board only received one bid, they decided to wait until spring to go out to bid again and try to get more competitive bidding. John asked about the RCD's requirement that RR3 state inspected rock must be used for stabilization of the lakeshore properties (as it is much more expensive than non-inspected rock and Steve said that when they developed the specifications 3 years ago, the recommendation *from engineers and Joe Rush* was that the rock had to be state inspected to ensure that it is uniform in size and has the appropriate hardness for the stabilized shoreline to last for at least 10 years. Dennis motioned to delay requesting bids for the shoreline stabilization of lot 16 on Oak Lane until March 1<sup>st</sup> of 2013 and John seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [11-12-05]

**B. Bill Kleiman – Property NE of Campground** – Bill Kleiman, the Project Director of Nachusa Grasslands, owned by The Nature Conservancy. The Orland family sold about 300 acres of their property, which backs up to the RCD property that is north of the campground, to Nachusa Grasslands. The RCD is planning on quick-claiming a portion of their property on Babbling Brook to Nachusa and Bill came to the board to talk about the possibility of quick-claiming the portion of the RCD's property NE of the campground, just north of the creek below the dam, to Nachusa as well. Bill said that the creek would act as a natural barrier for any prescribed burn that they would want to do on the property to manage the grasslands and woodlands there. Dennis asked what the difference would be to Nachusa between the RCD deeding the property to them or just

allowing them usage of the property for prescribed burns. Bill said that they could create a Memo of Understanding (MOU) that would allow them to perform controlled burns on the property if the RCD still wanted to maintain ownership of it. Dennis asked what they paid per acre for the Orland property and Bill said about \$4,300-4,400 an acre. Dennis said that by donating the property to The Nachusa Grasslands, that would add another dimension to their process if they were to want to stabilize or change the course of the creek-bed in the future by adding another property owner that would need to be involved in that process; he's not saying that The Nachusa Grasslands wouldn't be cooperative in that however. Tim says that he is in favor of being a good neighbor and allowing them access to the property but he wouldn't want to give the property away because,

1. The total parcel of land, 1/3 of which is this area that Bill is talking about, has a value of \$146,000.
2. If they dredge in the future, they may consider using the area to put the dredge material.
3. There is recreational access by way of a hiking trail that leads up to there.

He asked Bill if they were planning on cutting the trees on the property down and Bill said that in their property that is designated oak and hickory woods, they would be cutting down the trees that are not oak and hickory such as black cherry, box elder, and black locust. Dennis said that he is in favor of giving the Nature Conservancy usage to burn on the property per an MOU because they (the RCD and the Nature Conservancy) are of the same mind of what should be done environmentally to the property. Marty asked what the Nature Conservancy's plan for that area and that in 15 years they would like to bring it back to an oak savannah with a sedge meadow at the bottom. Marty asked what they means to the habitat in the area and Bill said that they need to manage the oak/hickory woodlands and sedge meadows that certain species need for their survival such as the red-headed woodpecker, the sedge wren and other grassland birds, Blanding's turtle and the ornate box turtle. Bill said that he has an attorney that can draw up an MOU to allow the Conservancy to burn on RCD property and the board agreed to have him do that. Bill said he could do a tour of the property back there for the RCD board in May.

Glenn asked Bill if The Nature Conservancy owns all the property that would be necessary to connect the two sides of Lost Lake with a bike or walking path and Bill said that Orland still owns 46 acres of the property. The buried water line runs along the area that they kept that Bill thinks would be the logical way to go. He doesn't know what the Orland's think; he is not for or opposed to developing a path through a natural area, generally they try to have less of that but he can see how they are trying to connect one side to the other.

Jeff McKinley asked about the property on Babbling Brook that the RCD was considering donating and whether it would revert back to the POA's jurisdiction. Steve said that the area was donated to the RCD from the POA so that they could perform the Babbling Brook shoreline stabilization on it. The board is considering on donating 1 acre of the area to the Nachusa Grasslands that has the creek in it to act as a natural break for their controlled burns and the board is also trying to decide whether to sell the remaining area of the property off or keep it and pay to maintain the vegetative stabilization per the EPA guidelines and maintain the rest of the property. If it is sold off, it changes from government owned land to private land which would fall under the rules and dues of the POA and would be subject to POA dues and property taxes.

### **C. B. Breckenfelder/H. Stromberger – Permission Request to use LCC to Host Gold Party for P for P Fundraiser –**

Harold explained how a gold party from The Gold Refinery works. Because there is a profit made by The Gold Refinery and Harold Stromberger, the RCD would still charge for the rental. Harold said that he would pay the rental fee. Dennis motioned to allow the Pennies for Parks, in conjunction with Harold Stromberger, to use the LCC for a gold party fundraiser for Pennies for Parks. Marty seconded the motion and the board approved it unanimously. [11-12-06]

## **VII. Director/Volunteer Reports**

**A. Steve Larry** – Steve is hoping that the RCD will continue to foster a relationship with the Nachusa Grasslands so that when they are ready to dredge, they might be able to use the TNC's property near the Flagg Rd silt basin to dewater the silt. Steve said that hydro-dredging will probably be the most effective way to remove silt from the lake and the property next to Flagg Rd is the best place to dewater the silt. Dennis said that they could also look at raising the lake rather than dredging it.

**B. Glenn Baldwin** – No Report

**C. Dennis Cantrell - LCC Playground Update** – Last weekend, with help from Dennis and other volunteers, they replaced the existing wood chips and moved some of the equipment. The Pennies for Parks group is going to meet to decide what kind of swings to replace the existing swings. In the spring, they will be painting the swing set and climbing car and attaching a new custom faceplate that Pete B. had one of his fellow employees make (at no charge) onto the motorcycle rocker.

**D. Tim Spelde – 1. Berger Property Restoration** – Tim spoke with Ron about stabilizing the ditch on his property and Ron had a quote from Oltmanns for \$5,680 – he feels pretty confident with the bid as it wasn't much more than a Fischer bid that he had gotten a few years ago for \$5,400. The stabilization project would involve putting fabric and rip rap along the ditch with a culvert to divert the water that runs through there. Becky will give Ron the paperwork so that he can participate in the shoreline stabilization program. Tim said that there will be a variance to the program since it is a little different from the SOP. Dennis recommended that they get Joe Rush involved in this to ensure that the stabilization will be viable. Tim is going to take a look at the property to make a recommendation on the footage number to use for the rebate. **2. Bow Hunting** - Tim presented the Bow Hunting Rules and Regulations and liability waiver that the hunters within the RCD taxing district would have to abide by. There would be a random weekly drawing each Wednesday in which they would choose five people per week from a pool of interested hunters to be allowed to hunt from that Friday through Thursday of the next week. The area that Tim wants to allow hunting would be north of the creek that is north of the campground (NOT in the campground itself). Tim motioned to allow hunting on the RCD property north of the creek north of the campground per the regulations presented on a trial basis for the 2012 hunting season with the understanding that it can be revoked at anytime. Marty seconded the motion and the board approved the motion with Tim, Marty, Glenn and John for it and Dennis against it. [11-12-07] Becky will notify security that there will be hunters on RCD and who they are. **3. M. Stocksdales Recognition** – Michael is not available to receive the recognition that Tim wanted to give him. Tim said that Michael's Eagle Scout Ceremony was really impressive.

**E. Marty Portner** – Marty coordinated with Gene to take the tree down in the campground and he took a truckload in a half of wood to his house for safe keeping while it seasons and he'll bring it back later. There is also plenty of kindling that they left there for campers to use. **Watershed Newsletter** – Marty said that they are getting into a new era of electronic media to get their message out. Right now they are using the Watershed, which is only published every other month

and doesn't have feedback from readers. Marty would like the board to commit to taking control of the way that they inform their constituents with the possibility of no longer publishing the Watershed newsletter or publishing it electronically via Facebook or the RCD website. If they stopped posting it in the POA newsletter, it would save the RCD about \$800 a year. Glenn said that he was concerned that Facebook doesn't connect the RCD with a high percentage of the constituents in the district. Marty said that they don't have a statistic as to who they are connecting to right now with the newsletter. Becky said that there were statistics based on the survey that they did in 2008 that asked if people read the newsletter. Another method of communicating with the public would be an e-mail list like the POA has, in which they send out to about 180 people. Glenn wants to go to informing the public electronically in the future but feels that they should continue with the existing program until they come up with a viable alternative. Dennis doesn't like the fact that people get confused with the RCD and the POA and don't realize that they are two different entities and that there would be an advantage to separating themselves from that association by having their Watershed publication be in the POA's newsletter. In the next couple of Watershed publications, they are going to advertise to the public that they are changing their mode of communication to electronic. Marty also wants to work with Becky to make the website easier to navigate. Becky asked if they are concerned with reaching people that don't use electronic communication and Marty said that he's not worried about it as most people have access to a computer.

#### **VIII. Guest Comments**

**Becky – More Chairs for the LCC** – Becky asked the board about whether they would be interested in purchasing more chairs as they only have 96 right now and the seating capacity is 153. At the last public event (the Halloween party), it was standing room only. The board did not want to spend the money on more chairs for public events. Dennis said that if it was a case of private rentals needing more chairs, they might revisit it.

**Jeff McKinley** – Jeff doesn't want the RCD to sell the property on Babbling Brook as it is the only area that the public can access that creek. Steve said that they would have to have an easement through private property for the public to access that park.

- IX. Motion to Adjourn** – Glenn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 and Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [11-12-08]

#### **November 13, 2012 Motion List**

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## **2012 LNNLRCD**

### ***Bow Hunting Rules and Regulations***

Dated 11/3/2012

Starting November 23, 2012, bow and arrow deer hunting is allowed in the campground area through the remainder of the 2012 bow hunting season. **Permission to hunt is allowed by permit only.**

#### **Rules are as listed below:**

1. All bow hunting rules and regulations as posted on the Illinois DNR website must be adhered to.
2. A signed liability waiver will be kept on file with the RCD office.
3. A copy of your hunting license and bow hunting permit shall remain on file with the RCD office
4. Up to five bow hunting permits will be made available for the 2012 season by a random weekly drawing. The only area available to hunt is the RCD property north of the campground creek. The campground area itself is NOT open to hunting.
5. Names will be drawn on Wednesday of each week and the selected people will be notified on Thursday. Those wishing to be considered for the drawing must submit their name to the RCD office by noon on Wednesday. Names must be resubmitted every week.
6. To be eligible to receive a permit, you must be a tax payer in the RCD district and be within good standing with the RCD.
7. An RCD permit will be issued and shall be posed in the vehicle (if parked or on your person while hunting the campground property. Security will have a list of approved hunters.
8. ONLY the person listed on the permit is allowed to hunt the RCD property N. of the campground.
9. Areas to hunt are marked on the attached RCD property map (available in the RCD office)
10. No screw-in type tree stands or steps are allowed on RCD property.
11. If you harvest a deer, you must notify the RCD.
12. The RCD reserves the right to cancel the program or revoke a permit at any time.

**I have read and will abide by the above rules and regulations regarding the privilege to bow hunt on RCD property.**

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Land Access Permission – Respect – Ask – Share – Thank

**IDNR Law Enforcement 1-877-236-7529**

### TO BE RETAINED BY LANDOWNER

User's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: Dixon

State: IL Zip: 61021

Phone: (cell) 602-301-5433 (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Description: License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

### Time Period and Activities Permitted and Additional Information:

BOWHUNTING Allowed From Friday, \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 thru Thursday, \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

In return for the privilege to use private land, I agree to abide by landowner rules, obey all laws, and conduct myself in a safe and ethical manner and release and waive any claim against the landowner for personal injury.

User's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### TO BE RETAINED BY USER

User's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity Authorized: Bow Hunting RCD Property from Fri., 2012 thru Thu., 2012

Landowner's Name: LNNLRCD

Describe Property to be Used: LNNLRCD Property on North side of Creek North of Campground

Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner's Phone: 1-815-652-2006

LNNLRCD Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_





TNC-Orland

Orland Family - Private

Golf Course

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