



LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

January 6, 2009 Time: 7:00PM

I. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – Marty called the meeting to order at 7:01PM

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

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

III. Motion to Approve Agenda – Steve motioned to approve the agenda and Betty Lou seconded the motion. Steve struck the motion and Betty Lou motioned to approve the agenda with the modification of moving New Business directly after the Treasurer's Report. Steve seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously. [01-09-01]

IV. Motion to Approve the 12/02/2008 Minutes – Steve motioned to approve the December 2, 2008 minutes and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with Betty Lou, Steve, and Marty for and Herb abstaining from the motion. [01-09-02]

V. Review and Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report – Becky adjusted the fixed assets amount to reflect the depreciation of fixed assets such as the mower and office equipment. Marty asked Becky to obtain the value of the sound system. Jerry had the Lake Court Center appraised a few years ago and Becky is going to look into whether it should be depreciated or if the value appreciated in value (because it is property). Herb asked Becky to make sure that the insurance company has current information on property values as well. Jerry said that the dam also needs to be depreciated. Steve asked what they have stored over at Daysville Storage and Becky said that the mower and the dam break-away boards. Marty wants an employee do an inventory of the storage room. Betty Lou motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-09-03]

VI. **New Business**

A. Motion to Approve Shoreline Planting SOP for Shoreline Stabilization – Steve said that with the help of Jerry Sellers and Joe Rush, the RCD has come up with two methods of shoreline stabilization (SOP's) to be used on Lost Lake, rip-rap and re-vegetation. This gives the property owner two different techniques to choose from, depending on what works best for their property. Steve motioned to approve the re-vegetation shoreline stabilization SOP and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with Steve, Betty Lou, and Marty for and Herb abstaining from the motion. [01-09-04]

B. Motion to Approve: Lenhart Plumbing -\$957.78 – The men's room urinals have been running continuously for some time and finally they stopped working. Herb tried to repair them himself but they stopped carrying the parts that needed replacement. They still needed repair but Herb was scheduled for his eye surgery so he asked Don to call a plumber to repair the urinals. Steve motioned to approve the payment of \$957.78 to Lenhart Plumbing for the repair of the LCC men's bathroom and Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-09-05]

C. Motion to Approve: Bullis & Sundberg -\$6985 – Breakdown of annual premium: \$4,450 for the commercial package; \$1594 for directors and officers; \$932 for workman’s comp; \$9 for Illinois tax Betty Lou motioned to approve the payment of \$6985 to Bullis and Sundberg to cover the annual insurance premium and Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-09-06]

D. Motion to Renew Security Contract - Marty turned the meeting over to Steve Larry and motioned to continue paying for security at the current rate for the next 5 months and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The fishing club and the POA will be meeting with the security to discuss tailoring the security to their needs, possibly by having the security man the gates for a few hours on Saturdays to keep unauthorized people out. Marty withdrew the motion and motioned to continue their relationship with security on a month by month basis until the end of the fiscal year and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [01-09-07] Marty is going to look into whether the RCD can get copies of the reports that pertain to the work that security performs for the RCD. Steve released the meeting back to Marty.

E. Sue Hill – Senior Focus Presentation Request: (Wares for sale afterward) – Sue Hill is lining up speakers for Senior Focus – (a bowl maker and an author) the speakers are willing to come at a reduced cost if they are allowed to sell their wares after their presentation. They would not be advertising that they are selling anything; rather, they would sell to people who asked about their products after their presentation. Marty said that if the speaker wants to sell the items out of their cars after the meeting then that is fine.

VII. Open Sealed Bids for East Boat Landing Project – Steve has talked to three separate contractors and because the ground and water is frozen and the roads are going to be posted soon, that the job would be difficult to accurately bid and it may not be the best time to do the work, therefore, Steve proposes that they send the unopened bids back and look to rebid the project sometime in March at which time they may even have a larger project to bid. Marty agreed with Steve. Steve motioned to send the sealed bids back to the contractors with an explanation letter to possibly rebid the job in the spring and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-09-08] Betty Lou left the meeting.

VI. New Business (Continued)

F. Presentation of Shoreline Stabilization Resolution – Marty said that he spoke with the attorney about what the RCD can do to enforce shoreline stabilization and he indicated that unless the RCD wanted to use eminent domain, they don’t have any authority to mandate a private property owner to stabilize their shore. Therefore he recommends that they approach the stabilization program from a cooperative, voluntary standpoint. The sections that are near the inlets are most in need of stabilization. Marty read off the *proposed* resolution which indicated that the program would be voluntary and that the RCD would assist the property owner in determining which technique is appropriate for their shoreline, to include engineering and other professional assessments at no cost to the property owner. The RCD would also provide a stabilization SOP, unlimited technical support and a \$500 contribution per 100 feet of shoreline. Steve asked what the average cost per foot to stabilize the shoreline. Joe Rush said that based on the information supplied by the POA for their 500’ of shoreline their average cost is \$34 a foot. Marty asked on a scale of one to ten what would the POA property rate in terms of easiest to worst case to riprap and Joe said about a 7 or 8 range and the only area that would be more difficult to stabilize would be the upper east part of the lake where the bluffs are located. Steve questioned whether a \$500 rebate would be enough to entice a property owner to spend another \$3,000 to stabilize their shoreline. Becky suggested that the RCD could base the rebate on a percentage of the total cost up to a certain amount rather than a flat \$500. Robert Stocksedale said that if the RCD were to purchase a large amount of rock and store it to sell to property owners at a cheaper rate for use in stabilization around the lake. Marty said that that was a good idea; however, he would like to see commitment from the property owners first so that they don’t end up with a lot full of rock and questioned where they would store it. Perhaps if 3 or more property owners got together, they could buy the rock together to realize a cost savings. Jerry asked how they would address the question that a non-lakefront property owner might have as to why their tax money is being used to enhance lakefront property and Steve said that if they don’t get stabilization of the lake shorelines under control then eventually Lost Lake will end up becoming a big mud hole. They’ve seen it in the past with all the work that the RCD and LMC has done in dredging and that so it would be a benefit to the entire community because this community is built around Lost Lake. Without the lake, he is sure that people would live here; however, it would not have the aesthetically pleasing value that it has because it has a lake. Sue Hill asked if the POA would be eligible for the \$500 per 100’ of shoreline rebate and Marty said sure, however, Steve said that Marty was answering pretty quick on that – his thought is that the POA

doesn't pay any property tax and they are trying to help those people who pay into the property tax. The POA collects money from property owner and he feels that part of that should be used to improve the community and part of that improvement would be to stabilize the shoreline. The board didn't know at this time – Steve said that it is something that they would have to consider although it could be a no because they collect our dues to improve the community but don't pay property tax on any of their shoreline property.

Herb asked if they were going after any grants for shoreline stabilization projects or if they were just for the basin and watershed. Steve said that they just submitted the request for leftover 319 funds and they will complete an official 319 grant for the new grant year coming up later this spring. Those funds are for both the watershed and the Babbling Brook silt basin and the riprap that goes along with it. Herb concluded that some of those funds could be used for shoreline stabilization and Steve said yes, if the grants money is approved and as long as it is described as part of the project, there will be money available to rip-rap the shoreline around the Babbling Brook silt basin. The request has been submitted and they are waiting to hear back from them.

Mike Robinson: Quote “The RCD has no authority to mandate any property owner to do shoreline stabilization” – Mike finds it inconsistent is the part in the resolution that states that the RCD will contribute \$500 per 100 feet of shoreline, remaining costs to be borne by the property owner. Property owners will be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the installation. Mike asked how they could say that they have no authority to mandate any property owner to do anything if you have no authority for fines and then they are telling the property owner what they are going to do. Marty asked Mike to read the first item 1. Participation will be voluntary on the part of the property owner. They don't have to any of it; however, if they choose to participate, then they should be responsible to maintain it. If they choose not to participate then they don't have any responsibility. Sue asked what percentage of the shoreline is owned by vacant property owners and Marty said no although Jerry said that that information is available, it just hasn't been culminated. Joe Rush said that the map that Frank Durkin created shows the vacant lots. Marty said that they probably should get input from at least the shoreline property owners and they should open it up to everybody since they are going to use taxpayer dollars to pay for it. Someone asked if there was a committee for this and Marty said yes they do have a committee of Steve Larry, Marty Portner, Jerry Sellers, Joe Rush, and Jerry suggested adding Frank Durkin. A couple of years ago the LMC hosted a shoreline owners' meeting and Frank has a record of all that attended and who of those were interested in stabilizing their shorelines. Marty thinks it would be better to have a town-hall meeting to get community feedback and Steve agreed. Sue Hill asked if they had money budgeted for this fiscal year if they decide to do (shoreline stabilization) and Marty said that they have money, however, it is not specifically budgeted for this. Robert Stocksdale is also interested in being on the committee and so Marty will call him.

G. Annual ILMA Conference in Peoria Feb 18 – Becky asked that whoever would like to go to the ILMA conference as representatives of the RCD to let her know by the middle of this month so that she can make reservations. Two years ago, Jerry Sellers and Betty Lou and Don Finn went and last year Frank Durkin and Jerry went. Jerry said that he may go; however, he would really like to see a board member come with him if he chooses to go. He thinks that it gives the RCD a sense of what they are all about and it is a great way to make contacts and to network – he's met a lot of individuals and businesses, some of which have done work for us – Joe Rush had a gentleman come down to the lake to look at riprapping it and he put on a presentation at no cost to the RCD because of Joe's meeting him through ILMA.

VIII. Employee / Committee / Consultant Reports

A. Jerry Sellers - LMC/Aquatic Management Update – Joe Olliges has stepped down from being the fish stocking/shocking liaison for the fishing club and so Tim Spelde has volunteered to replace him. Don Finn is also stepping down as dredging program manager for the LMC – he will help make the transition to whoever takes over his spot. Tim has a set of objectives for this year to include budget recommendations, creel limits, carp and shad reduction, and establishing a relationship with the IDNR again – he requested that it be made an agenda item at the RCD's meeting next month.

1. Silt Basin – With the extensive rain that we experienced on the Saturday after Christmas, there was a significant amount of silt that filled up the basin that was just dredged. Fortunately, they had fencing put up that protected the piles of silt that were set aside for dewatering from washing back into the basin. The stream came up very quickly and back down again. They will have to wait until spring to see how much filled back up. Both of

the emergency spillways on the dam were working, which indicates that the elevation of the dam boards is correct. There was also extensive shoreline flooding, it almost floated boats off of the racks at the East Boat Landing, the North Beach was completely covered, and docks around the lake have been damaged significantly. Herb will take an inventory of the RCD docks to assess their damage. Tim said that the dock at the dam is at an angle 3 feet in the air and if kids get on there and jump on it, it may slam down on the ice and get cracked up. The fishing platform on Oak Lane Park survived due to its cantilevered design.

B. Grant Program Update – Rebecca’s report didn’t come in right away like usual – Steve sent it to the board members today. 319 grant for leftover funds has been submitted – they are waiting for word back. Rebecca and Steve are going to try to meet with the NRCS next week to get them on board with the watershed planning and get their support for what they are doing in the watershed as well as some engineering support for the Babbling Brook project.

IX. Old Business

A. Survey – Tabled

X. Guest Comments – Don Finn asked if someone from the RCD come to the POA meeting on Saturday to give a brief update of the SOP’s and what the RCD has planned for the shorelines as it applies to the POA property. Becky will get the approved stabilization SOP’s posted on the RCD website and will e-mail Don a copy of the riprap SOP.

XI. Motion to Adjourn Meeting – Steve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:36PM and Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-09-09]

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