



July 13, 2006 Meeting Time: 7:00PM

I. Call to Order and Roll Call: Marty Portner called the meeting to order at 6:59PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda – Marty said that the presentation by Jadeco has been postponed due to a death in Joe Rush's family. They are going to try to schedule a special meeting for it so that undivided attention may be given it since it is such an important presentation about the LMC projects and the progress being made to improve the watershed and the lake. Bill Piper motioned to approve the agenda. Dan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-06-01]

IV. Approval of Minutes - June 1, 2006 – Dan motioned to approve the June 1, 2006 minutes. Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-06-02]

V. Treasurer's Report – The total in checking/savings is \$37,656.93. Major expenses for the month included LCC carpet - \$3,241.17, LCC sidewalk - \$1,575, aquatic management - \$1,102.64, and legal fees - \$612.50. Dan asked about getting the treasurer's report before the meeting and Becky indicated that she sent an excel file to the board with the reports on it. Marty will look into whether there are any technical issues that are causing Herb and Dan not to receive their reports. Dan motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-06-03] Dan asked if they were keeping an account of what has been spent on services provided by Jadeco and Bill said yes, so far they have spent \$1402.46. Herb asked how they stand financially with regard to getting funds from the county and Bill said that we got our first check last week for over \$73,000. He will be approaching each of the board members to find out if they have any large amounts to pay that should be kept in the checking account so that he can decide how much to put into the money market or CD's. Marty asked if they have the ability to move the money between accounts online and Becky indicated that she can access the monthly reports from the bank online and, although she is not authorized to move the money, she is sure that a board member should be able to access the accounts online to do so. Marty said he would be in favor of them moving the money electronically as long the transactions are accounted for.

VI. Old Business

A. Herb Hill

1. Lake Court Center a. Parking Lot – No Report

b. Status of Sidewalk at LCC – Ken Oltmanns completed the sidewalk on the south end of the building. Herb is getting bids for chip and seal for a loading area in front of the kitchen area, with the funding coming from the amount that was approved previously for a sidewalk there. He has talked to quite a few people who have said that a loading area would serve the community more effectively than a sidewalk. Maureen Bronkema said that she and her husband had their driveway chip and tarred and ended up tracking in tar and stone and when it would get hot, the tar would come up and get on their shoes and get tracked in. They discussed getting estimates for asphalt and concrete as well – the rest of the board asked Herb to get those estimates too. John Mulholland said that the Lost Nation POA just had their gate entrance done with blacktop and the guy was telling him that concrete is very comparable in price to blacktop right now due to oil prices and that next year concrete might even be cheaper.

2. Campground – Herb installed two of the fire rings and all of the posts for the campsites, which have clips to attach campers' permits.

3. Stop Log Planks – the stop log planks are on a trailer on Herb's property –

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he is arranging to have them taken over to the storage area. He said that it looks like they will fit in the storage unit.

B. Dan Dummett

1. Tar and Chip of Boat Ramp – Dan met w/ Shawn Rafferty of Municipal

Maintenance, who is anticipating doing some work for Lost Nation POA this summer. Mr. Rafferty said that it would be a bad idea to chip and seal the east boat ramp due to the slope because it would have a tendency to wash out, especially if someone spun out his or her tires. He recommended asphalt or concrete instead so Dan is going to get estimates on both and suggested that they could tie it in with what Herb is doing. Herb said that limestone chips might be an option too. Dan said that he has been trying to get in touch w/ Oltmanns to fill in the gullies – Jerry said that when he spoke to Oltmanns he said he would do it for the same price as the North Beach Ramp, which was \$100. Herb had told Oltmanns to go ahead with it but he hasn't done so yet so Jerry said that he would help them try to get a hold of Oltmanns to do that. Tabled till August.

C. Bill Piper

1. FY2007 Tax Levy – The new proposed tax levy amount is for \$141,800, which is

Less than 105% of the amount that they received last year – that means that a truth in taxation hearing is not necessary. Dan added that they adjusted the numbers upon the advice of the attorney to stay more in line with how other entities in the area are doing it. Bill went over the numbers on the proposed tax levy (see attached). Becky asked if the \$15,000 that the board approved to spend up to on Professional Aquatic Management was something that should be considered in each year's budget and tax levy, or if it was only intended for the current fiscal year. Dan said that since the lake is the RCD's most important asset and their main focus, it will probably be needed on an ongoing basis. Marty agreed, adding that the (monetary) commitment that they have to the lake, while it may not accelerate at a great rate, they will have to at least maintain it. Becky asked Marty and Dan if they recalled whether they were supposed to print the tax levy in the newspaper as it stands now, or if, because they didn't go over the 105% of the amount that they received last year, that they do not have to post it. Marty asked Becky to ask the attorney that question. Chuck Jolicoeur commented on the need for the board to have a truth in taxation hearing and Dan indicated that the way he understood it from the attorney, if they receive more than 5% over the amount received last year, then they need a truth in taxation hearing. Dan motioned to approve the tax levy amount of \$141,800. Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-06-04]

VII. New Business

A. Boat Sticker Fees – Marty said that there have been some e-mail and written

correspondence recently regarding the propriety of the boat sticker fee. In response to that, the board consulted with their attorney to look at the legal aspect of it and obtained his opinion on it. Marty looked at all sides of the issue to determine what the complaint was and had it put on tonight's agenda so that the full board could discuss the issue.

Herb - Herb said that his position on the boat sticker fees that it is difficult to charge for something that they cannot enforce, specifically, use of the lake. He doesn't have a problem with them charging for the use of the boat racks and boat ramps, however. He does understand the community's need to try to control the use of the lake and since the rule has already been passed, he feels that it would be a waste of time to vote against it so his position would be to stay with the status quo.

Marty - Marty said that he personally does not like fees, at this time they only have a couple of items that they charge fees for, i.e. the campground, the lake court center, and the boat sticker fees. He is going to order that a review of all of the fees that the RCD has imposed to see if there are opportunities in the budget to make an off-setting mark in the budget, although we won't know the amount that will be collected until they go through an entire cycle of the program. One potential advantage that Marty sees to the assessment of a fee is that the constituents who pay a fee for a sticker to use their boats on the lake may be more inclined to notice and let the board know of people on the lake who are not properly stickered. The main goal of the boat stickers is to be able to identify the boats, for example they just went through a round up of all the boats on RCD properties that were not up to date and the sticker program helped in identifying the boat owners so that they could be notified. Marty thinks it has value for that reason so he would like to see them keep the boat sticker fee for

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this year and he is going to look into ways of folding that into some type of budget offset because the other thing that he heard that people didn't like paying both the boat sticker fees and the taxes to use the lake at the same time. The way to mitigate that is through the budget – he is going to personally look at that with Mr. Piper at the end of the year. Bill asked how many boats were auctioned and for how much and Joe Olliges said about 5 or 6 boats; Becky said that they earned about \$500 for the boats that were sold. Marty said that it is important that all the fees be looked at and that they have to do what the taxpayers believe they should do and if it turns out that the boat sticker fee is reasonable (he thinks that the boat sticker fee is reasonable and he doesn't think that it is illegal or unethical). He also wants to make the bar pretty high for a board to undo what a previous board has done and he doesn't feel that this rises to that level. Chuck Jolicoeur requested to speak, however, Dan indicated that Chuck had the opportunity at the beginning of the meeting to be added to the agenda and did not do so. Marty requested that Chuck save his comment until the end of the meeting and suggested that they move on.

VIII. Employee / Committee Reports

A. LMC Report –

1. JadEco Presentation –

a. Sedimentation Survey

b. Water Quality Report

c. Outline of Progress since March 23, 2006 Visit

Jerry and the board confirmed that the 27th of July would be a convenient time for them to have a special meeting for the Jadeco Presentation. Marty said that he thinks having a presentation at a special meeting would give the topic the attention that it deserves. Some of the topics that will be discussed at that meeting will be the Lake Management monitoring program, possible purchase of water testing equipment, a sedimentation survey, dredging, and implementing a lakeshore stabilization program. The following people have been assisting with the Voluntary Lake Management program: Gerry Skyles, Ron Berger, Don Finn, Jim Proper, Frank Durkin, Jerry Sellers, and the state of Illinois. The RCD is saving a substantial amount by having the VLMP volunteers doing most of the work and thanks to Joe Rush, the state is working with the RCD on this. Dan asked Jerry if he could give any recommendations on how to deter the goose traffic on the beaches due to the fact that they are depositing a large amount of fecal matter there. They are cleaning the beaches daily at this time. Jerry said that all the lakes that they have looked at had similar problems with deterring the geese. He did recommend that they may want to use a different scoop for picking up the waste, perhaps a kitty litter type scoop that would allow the sand to fall through. Dan asked Tom Wendling to mention the RCD meeting that will take place on the 27th at the next NLPOA meeting to encourage as much community attendance as possible. Jerry would like to see other stakeholders, like upstream property owners attend the LMC meeting as well.

2. Fish Stocking – Bill motioned to add Fish Stocking Recommendation as item #2 of the LMC report. Dan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-06-05] Bill motioned to approve spending \$3,418 on fish stocking, as recommended by Joe Rush and endorsed by the LMC and the Fishing Club. Dan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-06-06]

VIII. Guests/Public Opinion

Chuck Jolicoeur – Chuck asked to speak and Marty said that if it was about the boat sticker fees, than that was already discussed as item seven and is now closed so they won't be hearing any more about boat stickers tonight. Marty said that if there was anything else that Chuck wanted to bring up, then he could do so and Chuck said no.

IX. Adjourn: Dan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12PM. Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [07-06-07]

Next Scheduled Meeting: July 27, 2006

July 13, 2006 Motion List

1. Bill Piper motioned to approve the agenda. Dan

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FY2006 INCOME	
Accrued	\$51,476.34
Accounts	
Interest	\$766.71
Pop Machine	\$1,043.20
Rentals & Misc.	\$3,699.69
Taxes	\$130,436.20
Total Receipts	\$187,422.14

Attachment 1

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	FY2006 EXPENSES	FY2007 TAX LEVY
Insurance		
Liability	\$ (8,815.67)	\$8,000.00
Notes Payable - \$71,323.97		
Interest & Principle	\$ (28,610.80)	\$28,000.00
Real Estate Taxes	\$ (1,166.88)	\$0.00
Lake & Beach Maintenance		
Beach	\$ (687.44)	\$2,000.00
Dam	\$ (9,821.63)	\$2,000.00
Dock, Boat & Lake Equipment	\$ (1,214.36)	\$1,000.00
Fish	\$ (2,685.00)	\$3,500.00
Silt & Bank Erosion Control	\$ (4,500.00)	\$4,800.00
Land & Building		
Mowing	\$ (410.00)	\$1,600.00
Pop Machine	\$ (621.40)	\$1,000.00
Repairs and Updates	\$ (10,315.20)	\$2,000.00
Supplies	\$ (2,237.64)	\$2,000.00
Supply & Misc.	\$ (459.00)	\$1,000.00
License, Membership and Permits	\$ (800.00)	\$1,000.00
Office Supply & Postage		
Lease	\$ (1,200.00)	\$1,200.00
Postage and Delivery	\$ (698.42)	\$1,000.00
Supplies	\$ (1,871.43)	\$2,000.00
Per Diem	\$ (3,225.00)	\$3,200.00
Printing and Reproduction	\$ (1,379.65)	\$1,500.00
Professional Fees		
Accounting	\$ (735.00)	\$1,000.00
Aquatic Management	\$ (393.82)	\$15,000.00
Legal	\$ (1,769.39)	\$4,000.00
Other	\$ (7,823.08)	\$1,500.00
Travel	\$ (1,332.29)	\$1,500.00
Utilities		
Garbage	\$ (1,613.11)	\$2,000.00
Gas and Electric	\$ (4,225.04)	\$5,000.00
Porta Potty	\$ (890.82)	\$1,250.00
Telephone	\$ (731.28)	\$750.00
Water and Sewer	\$ (929.69)	\$1,000.00
Wages	\$ (16,936.58)	\$20,000.00
Subtotal	\$ (118,099.62)	\$119,800.00
Accrued Accounts		
Lake Preservation/Future Projects	\$ (68,879.77)	\$22,000.00
TOTAL	\$ (186,979.39)	\$141,800.00

Marty Portner, President

Carl William Piper, Treasurer

Herb Hill, Secretary