



October 12, 2006 Meeting

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
	Dan Dummett	-	Vice President
	Herb Hill	-	Secretary
	Bill Piper	-	Treasurer

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Motion to Approve Agenda – Marty requested to add B. 3. Fee Structures Review Committee under Old Business. Bill motioned to approve the agenda with Marty's addition of item *B. 3. Fee Structures Review Committee* under Old Business. Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-06-01]

IV. Motion to Approve the September 7, 2006 Minutes – Dan motioned to approve the September 7, 2006 minutes. Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-06-02]

V. Treasurer's Report – Bill read through the treasurer's report. There was a principal (\$24,977.69) and interest (\$3,633.11) payment of \$28,610.80 made on the loan, which the bank did not receive until October. The RCD received \$54,359.57 in taxes in September. The insurance company sent in a refund of \$618 on the policy based on the corrections and changes that the RCD had requested in the beginning of the year. Legal fees were \$547.50. The board asked Becky to report on how much money Jolicoeur's request cost the taxpayers in legal and clerical fees. Dan asked if they would be getting more money from the county and Becky said that according to the budget they should be getting more money around the end of the year and Bill added that they are budgeted to get about \$8,252.65 more. Bill said that he would like to meet with Becky and Marty to figure out what major expenses they may have in the next three months because he would like to move some more of the money in checking over to ladder another CD. Dan motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-06-03]

VI. Old Business

A. Herb Hill

1. **Quotes for Unloading Area by LCC Kitchen** – Herb was only able to obtain one bid on putting in a 50' X 8' concrete area from sidewalk to sidewalk in front of the kitchen door. Herb motioned to accept Ken Oltmanns bid of \$1,700 for constructing a concrete 50'X 8' unloading area in front of the Lake Court Center Kitchen. Marty seconded the motion. Dan said that the item was deferred at the last meeting so that Herb could obtain more bids and Herb said that he put out for more bids and had one individual who was going to bid on it, however, that individual backed out. Bill asked if Herb felt that the bid was reasonable and Herb said yes, adding that there is pretty set parameters that concrete work pricing is based on and that Ken's bid falls within those parameters. Dan said that in light of the fact that it is an asset to the LCC, Ken Oltmanns has always been fair to us he is in favor of it. Herb said that he would get Becky to get signage that indicates "No Parking, For Loading and Unloading Purposes Only." The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-06-04]

B. Marty Portner

1. **Motion to Appropriate Funds for Security** – Marty had two meetings with the presidents of the POA's regarding security. Marty feels that the RCD has important assets like the LCC, the beaches and shorelines and the campground that need to be patrolled. Dan asked if it was a 12-month proposal and Marty said no. Dan asked what time of the year this would be for and Marty said that if they and the other boards approve it, it would start immediately after the last board approved it, probably the first week of November. Dan felt that they wouldn't need as much security in the winter months and Bill said that in the winter, there are a lot of people who go south and that those houses could be more susceptible to crime. Dan said that the RCD statutes do not call for them to protect personal homes. Marty said that the RCD's interests would be served in the winter months because areas like the beaches and campgrounds might be considered more attractive during the winter months,

due to the fact that there is no one patrolling there. He does feel that there will be less money spent in the winter months rather than in the spring, when the beaches and campground are open again and they will have more security patrols. Herb suggested that the RCD would best be served if they started the program in the spring, however, Marty said that he thinks it is important to get started on it right away because they are going to need to go through an interview and orientation process that will take some time. Marty would like to approve the program for up to six months, with them able to pull out sooner if they find that it is not working out to their favor. Marty motioned to appropriate up to \$400 a month toward a joint security program w/ the New Landing and Lost Nation POA's for a period of 6 months. Bill seconded the motion. The board passed the motion with Dan opposed to the motion and Herb, Bill, and Marty for the motion. [10-06-05]

2. Motion to approve \$3000 loan to LLUD – Marty motioned to approve a \$3,000 loan to the Lost Lake Utility District as stated in the agreement approved by the RCD's attorney. Dan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-06-06] Marty and Herb will be meeting next week with the LLUD representatives and a notary to sign the documents and release a check.

3. Fee Structures Review Committee – In June or July, Marty had stated that he would be reviewing the fee structure in the near future and so now he would like to form a committee to do so. Marty motioned to create a fee structures review committee, comprised of him and two other individuals. Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-06-07] Jerry has a report that he will give Marty from IALC for all fees charged by the groups belonging to the group. He also recommends that Marty go back and look at all the research that was done back in October

VII. New Business

A. Bill Piper

1. Comptroller FY2005 Fiscal Responsibility Report – Bill went over the Annual Fiscal Responsibility Report Card that is issued by the comptroller based on figures that the accountant gives them about the RCD. The accountant made a couple errors on the report that they submitted that Becky noticed, which were corrected. She also informed the accountant of the errors for future reference.

VII. Employee / Committee Report

A. Becky – Becky completed her first course, which was a web design class. She has incorporated that information into designing and updating the current RCD Website and looks forward to feedback from both the board members and the LMC on information that they would like to see on there. She will be taking a FrontPage design course in the spring and she also wants to look into seminars for Excel, QuickBooks, etc. to brush up on her office skills.

B. LMC – 1. Fish - Jerry said that in September they stocked 88 Muskies, 1000 Walleye, and 880 Large Mouth Bass. They have tentatively scheduled the 400 Hybrid Striped Bass to go in on Friday, October 27 at a cost of \$300, which the fishing club will be donating. The subject of fish tagging came up at their last meeting and it was determined that the method of using liquid nitrogen to brand the fish (which is being done successfully by the Iowa DNR), has a lower mortality rate than clipping or tagging the fish. Jerry said that he is going to have someone follow up with that with the Iowa DNR. By marking the fish, the shocking reports will be more accurate because you will know what year they were put in. The report from the fish shocking that was done this year will be available in either January or February. They brought up some good-sized Walleye (24") during the shocking. The DNR said that they didn't have a large recruitment of smaller size large mouth bass so it was good that they stocked the bass this year.

2. Integrated Lake Management Survey – Integrated Lake Management will be out November 6th through the 10th to survey the lake and Jerry will be meeting with the principle on October 30th to coordinate that. The survey will be out sometime around either the holidays or after the 1st of the year.

3. Equipment Training Meeting – There is an LMC meeting tomorrow to instruct the members on how to use the new meter and probe equipment that the RCD purchased.

4. IALC Meeting – Jerry attended an IALC meeting at Lake Holiday. At that meeting, Chuck Jolicoeur got accolades for reviewing and rewriting the IALC's bylaws and he indicated that as of January 1, 2007, he will be off the LNPOA board. The topic at the meeting was grant writing and they specifically talked about the 319 grant, which is written for the EPA and is for lakeshore and watershed restoration. A woman that has done grant writing for the Galena territories did the presentation, which provided a wealth of information. Jerry spoke to the woman and thinks that there is an opportunity to speak to her about her fees for writing grants. From talking to her, Jerry thinks that she gets paid based on the amount of the grant and only if they get the grant, but he is not sure and wants to follow up on that. They got the University of Iowa involved in writing the grant and had students come out and do limnology testing. Jerry feels that the more people that we can get involved with the grant, the better. Jerry's daughter graduated from the biology department at NIU and he asked if she could talk to a couple of her professors to get some names to start with in getting NIU out here to treat Lost Lake as their project. Marty asked how much the grant money could be and Jerry said that it could be as high as a couple hundred thousand, with \$600,000 being the largest grant that has been issued. The entity (like the RCD) would have to budget for the expenditure, show that the work has been completed and paid for and then they would get reimbursed with the grant money. Bill asked if it would be for the lake shorelines or the streams coming in and Jerry said that it would cover both.

5. Watershed Planning Meeting – There were many items addressed at the meeting and subsequently, Jerry wrote to the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District to help with their efforts. Jerry met yesterday with Dave Dornbusch, RC&D coordinator w/ the USDA/NRCS and showed him what they had in terms of an inventory report like the report from Applied Ecological Services, dredging reports, and maps that they were currently using.

6. Goose Fencing – The fencing was erected at both the Old East Beach and the West Beach, however it is not up at the North Beach yet because they are actively fishing and able to keep the geese off themselves. It will go up soon.

7. Water Testing Buoys – Have been ordered, however, they won't put them out until spring. They test in three different areas on the lake using triangulation to ensure that they test in the same spot. The buoys help them find the spot faster.

Marty thanked Jerry and the LMC for all the hard work that they have done for the RCD, adding that the RCD could never repay them for all the work that they have done with testing and research, etc, which has saved the taxpayers a lot of money. Jerry said that the RCD is helping by paying for the survey to be done and the instrumentation that they need for their testing.

8. Fish Barrier – Joe Rush said that he was waiting for Jerry to get feedback on volunteers to keep the fish barrier clean. Jerry said that there were many fishing club members that were willing to help with this. This will be a spring project – Jerry will have Joe Rush get cost estimates for putting up a fish barrier. It is easier to get a permit for a barrier that is in front of the dam rather than across the spillway itself. Jerry said that the face of the dam needs to be sprayed – he will talk to Joe Rush about what is best to use there. Herb said that there are two barrels full of stuff downstairs and Jerry recommended that they dispose of it.

Guest Comments:

Dan Dummett: He asked about the Watershed and whether the LMC could contribute an article to it since there are so many important things that they are doing. The next newsletter deadline will be December 3rd. Jerry said that he was willing to contribute something.

Joe Olliges: Joe thanked the RCD board on behalf of the LLUD for providing the district with startup funds. Things are going pretty good at this point. The next court date is October 20th.

Nadine Portner: Social Committee purchased a locked case w/ bulletin board to display photographs. The Social Committee felt that it would look best on the wall that is shared w/ the men's bathroom and the board agreed.

VIII. Adjourn – Next Meeting: November 2, 2006 – Dan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:19PM. Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-06-08]

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