



**LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD**  
**January 15, 2008 7:00PM at the NLPOA Office**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call –** Marty called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

**Board Members Present**

Marty Portner -	President	Dan Dummett –	Vice President
Herb Hill -	Secretary	Betty Lou Finn –	Member at Large

**Board Members Absent**

Tina Trevino -	Treasurer
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**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Motion to Approve Agenda –** Herb motioned to approve the agenda. Dan seconded the motion. Betty Lou motioned to approve the agenda Dan seconded the motion. The board withdrew the second, identical motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-08-01]

**IV. Motion to Approve the 12/19/07 & 12/19/07 Executive Minutes –**Dan motioned to approve the 12/19/2007 minutes. Herb seconded the motion. Dan motioned to withdraw the original motion and approve the 12/19/2007 minutes with the addition of a listing of board members who were present at the meeting. Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-08-02] Betty Lou motioned to approve the 12/19/07 minutes. Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by roll-call vote. [01-08-03]

**V. Review and Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report –** They earned \$375.24 in interest this month, thanks to the movement of the majority of the money into a money market account that earns more interest. The current checking account was switched to a free checking account, which does not earn interest; however, it also does not incur a fee per transaction like the old account did. Becky has online access to the account in that she can move the money between the checking and money market at a board member's request and, under Marty's authorization, she also set it up so that they can make their Illinois tax payments online, withdrawing funds from the checking account electronically. Marty asked Becky to set up online payment for the federal government as well. Herb did a plumbing repair at the LCC and they reinstated service of the Port-a-potty at the North Beach for the fishermen. They paid \$50 each for annual dues for ILMA and ILAC. Dan asked if Doug was responsible for removing the screen on the back of the tennis court and whether he repaired the grommets or not and Herb said that Don did it and that he threw it away because he felt that it was beyond repair. If they buy a new one, Dan recommended that they thread a rope through the grommets rather than using tie wraps and that they take it down each winter to extend the life of it. Herb asked about the \$42.71 that was spent on Mowing and Becky said that it was for fuel and parts for the mower. Dan motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by roll-call vote. [01-08-04]

**VI. Old Business**

**A. Herb Hill - Motion Sensor Lights In Parking Lot –** Herb had Lee County Electric repair a light to illuminate the LCC parking lot. Herb obtained a quote of \$575 from Lee County Electric for switching out the light that illuminates the flagpole – this will meet with the Dixon Rural Fire Chief's recommendation to update the wiring as well as eliminate the light pollution that the current light produces. Herb had already run the conduit from the building to the pole back when they did work on the front of the building a couple years ago. The electrician will run the wires through the conduit to a fixture at the base of the flagpole and the light will activate at dusk. He also obtained a quote of \$325

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for a motion sensor light at the SW corner of the building, to shine on the parking lot. Dan asked if there was a double plug on the light and Herb said no, but that they could have that put on and Dan suggested that they do that to get as much light out there as possible. Dan asked Herb is he thought it was a reasonable price for such a limited amount of work and Herb said that unless he broke it down to price out parts he can't speak for that all he can say is the work that he has done for Herb in the past he seems to be forthright, honest, and accommodating. Betty Lou asked what the price difference would be if they brought the light up to code vs. the cost to keep the light on Cantrell's house and Marty said that he thinks it would be more functional the way it is specified in the quote. Herb said that they could use the same circuit; however, he doesn't feel it is the right thing to do. Betty Lou motioned to approve the expenditure of \$900 for work to be performed to the Lake Court Center by Lee County Electric (\$575 to install a spot light on the flag pole and \$325 for installing a motion sensor light for the parking lot). Dan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-08-05]

**VII. New Business: Discussion of Liquor Policy for Lake Court Center Renters** – Marty had two individuals who were having weddings and wanted to use the lake court center for their receptions who wondered if they could serve beer and wine at the party as long as they got insurance to cover the event. Marty told them that since the RCD had a policy of no alcohol on their properties, he had to tell them no. Betty Lou asked if they are losing out on a lot of revenue by not allowing alcohol in the building and Marty said that his gut feeling is no because there was a really small amount of people asking about it, however, that is not scientific. Marty said that if they did allow alcohol, he would want it to be specific to the rental, only serving beer and wine – not hard liquor and figure out if they would need to police it. Herb said that it would be the property owner's responsibility as renter to police it and to obtain the necessary insurance and to pay for any possible damage to the facility. He suggested that they could try it on a trial basis if they felt that there was a general consensus of the community being in favor of it. Marty asked Becky to talk to the insurance agent to find out what would be required if they allowed alcohol to be consumed during a function at the LCC.

Don Finn said that to ensure that the renters obtained the proper insurance for the event, the RCD should require them to go through the RCD's insurance company. Herb doesn't think that they should dictate who the renter uses for insurance and Don said yes, you can. Don said that if the RCD was considering allowing alcohol to bring more revenue in that that was wrong, however, if they were offering it as a convenience for the community then that is fine. Herb agreed with Don that it would be for the convenience of the community and not as a way to bolster revenue.

Marty was concerned with people being tempted to smoke if drinking were allowed since often times they go hand in hand and Herb said that the renter would be responsible for insuring that no one smoked in the building and that it would be breaking a state law and that they would Crystal Pohlman asked if there is a No Smoking sign at the building and Marty said that there is signage for no smoking and no alcohol at the building.

In reference to Don's comment about insurance, Herb said that as long as the insurance company that the renter uses is a state or federally licensed insurance company, he doesn't think that the RCD should dictate who they use if they can get a better rate. Crystal is concerned that they would not have any

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control over them getting the insurance and that the RCD has the right to specify how it would be. Don Finn said that it would be a nightmare to administer if they don't settle on one company. Becky said that she agrees with Herb, comparing it to the certificates of proof of workman's comp and liability insurance that the RCD requires of its general contractors in order for them to be allowed to do work for the RCD. Marty said that in the case of the insurance on serving alcohol at an event, they could specify exactly what type of insurance would be required and indicate that they could use their own company if they wanted to however, if the renter didn't have a company picked out, the RCD could supply a list of recommended insurance companies. Herb said that they are arguing the mechanics of the issue, and that it is most likely doable and that the question is whether there is a need in the community and whether we want to supply that need. Crystal suggested that they could mention it at certain community meetings like the POA meetings, the fishing club, etc. Dan said that it has been well established for many years that the RCD is opposed to alcohol on its properties and he would not be a party to changing that precedence – he doesn't see the need or the value of it. He feels that it would put the RCD at a risk as this is a really litigious society and he is afraid that if they allow it at the LCC, they would set a precedent and people might say next, "Well I want to drink on the beaches, the campground, or Schings Park." It might open a can of worms and he doesn't think it is worth it. Marty said that he would still like to find out what the people think and hear from as many people as they can. He wants to advertise with prominent posters that at the next RCD meeting they will have an open forum for anyone who wants to be heard on the subject.

#### **VIII. Employee / Committee Report**

**A. LMC - Shoreline Stabilization Set of Regulations** - Dan said that he, Frank Durkin, Joe Rush and Jerry Sellers met last night to discuss shoreline stabilization issues, which involves 83 RCD lakeshore property owners. Although it hasn't been finalized yet, they made another step forward in developing a set of regulations for shoreline stabilization – prohibitions and recommendations. They decided that they would formulate something through some professional guidance to present to the board by the April meeting. Frank said that it is a slow process because it is a very complex issue and thankfully they have less than 100 acres of shoreline because if it was much bigger than that problems can come up. Joe Rush is using his extensive knowledge in this area to guide them through the steps to come up with a comprehensive outline for discussion. Marty asked if the recommendations would contain things that the property owners could do themselves or if the work would require professional contractors to do things like backhoe work. Dan said that it is going to depend on the type of shoreline (steep cliff vs. gentle slope) and the work needed to bring it up to standard. Marty asked about the shoreline that the RCD owns and Frank said that that should be the first priority of the RCD to restore its own shoreline. Joe Rush would like to get out in a boat and photograph every property around the lake so when they make a communication to the property owner, it will be specific with a photograph and at the same time he will establish what he feels is the complexity of each property. They will have timelines in which they would like to see the work done while also entertaining waiver requests in certain circumstances. Ultimately, they want to convey to the community that it is all being done to preserve the lake.

**B. Becky - Implementing a Warning Ticket Policy for Non-Compliant Boat Owners** – While Becky was calling boat owners regarding the stickers on their boats – it was asked why there were so many boats not in compliance and why should they remove their boat when there are so many other boats that need stickers as well. Becky explained to the boat owners that the process was a cumbersome one and that they didn't have a lot of employees to do the job. The entire process of boat roundup includes:

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1. Physically checking each boat for up to date state and RCD stickers
2. Calling the boat owners who are not in compliance and following up with letters or more calls if no response
3. Sending title requests to the DNR for boats for which the owners are unknown
4. Rounding up the boats that are not in compliance and locking them up at the Silt Basin or the Campground
5. Sending out certified letters warning the owners that their boats have been rounded up and will be auctioned by a certain time
6. Advertising in the local paper and the Lost Lake News the boats to be auctioned
7. Having the Auction and providing the new owners with the documentation that they will need to properly title their new boat with the state

Becky suggested that perhaps the board could implement a ticketing process for in the interim between the initial boat check to the auction to let the owners and others know that there is something that needs to be addressed with their boat and that the RCD is aware of it. Marty said that he would get Becky some help. Don Finn offered to help (along with some fishing club members) with the physical identification of boats at the racks.

**IX. Guest Comments** – Frank Durkin asked if the RCD had paid the annual IALC dues & Becky said yes.

**X. Motion to Adjourn** – Dan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM. Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [01-08-06] **Next Scheduled Meeting: February 12, 2008**

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