



**LNNLRCD Meeting Date: October 6, 2005 Time: 7:00PM**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Joe called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Joe Olliges</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Present:</b>	<b>Jerry Sellers</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
	<b>Bill Piper</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
	<b>Dan Dummett</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Member at Large</b>
	<b>Herb Hill</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Secretary</b>

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Approval of Agenda:** Joe motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of "New Landing POA Dues for Lots 118-119" as item A of New Business. Bill seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10- 05-01]

**IV. Approval of Minutes:** Joe motioned to approve the August 16, 2005 minutes. Jerry seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-05-02]

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**V. Treasurer's Report:** Bill read off the report. Income received this month included \$51, 719.11 in taxes. They made the annual loan payment this month of \$4,888.51 in interest and \$23,722.29 in principal for a total of \$28,610.80. This Summary Balance Sheet from this month does not reflect the payment on the Long Term Liabilities line item; however, it will be adjusted next month. Fehr Graham was paid \$3,380.50 this month for their engineering report. Bill moved \$30,000 from the checking account to one of the CD's and changed it to an 11 month CD. If they withdraw the money early, they will have to pay penalty of \$300, however, if they leave it in the full time, they will earn \$900 more than in the CD they originally had. Dan motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Jerry seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-05-04]

**VI. Board Member Reports**

**A. Joe Olliges –**

**1. Boat Motor Repair –** Joe took the RCD boat motor in to Even Keel in Rockford for repair.

**2. Boat Round up –** Joe has 6 boats that have not been claimed yet from the boats that they rounded up in September. He is waiting for the results of a title search on one of the boats. Joe will be putting an article in the newsletter listing the boats.

**3. LCC Rates and Charges –** Back in July, Joe obtained legal advice regarding rates and charges for the Lake Court Center. Joe is giving the report to Bill now and has asked him to come up with a figure based on the attorney's opinion and the LCC operating expense report that Bill generated a couple months back.

**B. Bill Piper –**

**1. Increase in Optional Standard Mileage Rates –** The reimbursable mileage rate has increased from 40.5 cents a mile to 48.5 cents a mile, starting September 1, 2005. Bill will be implementing this change accordingly.

**2. Illinois Comptroller FY2004 Annual Report Card** – Based on the 15 page report that the RCD supplies to the Illinois Comptroller, they send back to the RCD an annual report card from the previous year to ensure that the figures are correct. The report indicated that in April 30, 2004, the assessed valuation of the area that the RCD governs is \$17, 151.14. It showed a population of 1000 people.

**C. Herb Hill –**

**1. Tree Trimming Bids** – Herb has the bids for the tree trimming at the campground and will present them at next month's meeting.

**2. LCC**

**a. Bids for Replacing LCC Carpet w/ Tile** – Herb will be getting bids on replacing the carpet at the LCC with tile for easier maintenance. The company that cleaned the carpet last said that it probably wouldn't take another cleaning.

**b. Annual Inspection of the LCC by Fire Dept.** - They will be finishing up some fire safety electrical work and having the annual fire department inspection next month.

**c. Lawn** – Herb will be dragging, refertilizing and reseeding the lawn and welcomes any suggestions of landscaping. Discussion ensued about the Cantrell property and using some silt fence and straw to keep the dirt from running off into the lake.

**3. Goose Fencing at Beaches** – Herb picked up 200' of ½ inch rebar, cut them into 4' sections and painted them with Rustoleum; John Mulholland supplied 20 more pieces of rod. Frank Durkin and the fishing club will be helping to install the goose fencing.

**D. Jerry Sellers –**

**1. Jordan Letter** – Jerry read off part of a letter that he is sending to Darrell Jordan regarding securing his shoreline to prevent the newly seeded area from falling into the lake. In the letter, he also asked him to put up a riparian strip of 2-5' width to prevent geese from invading his shoreline and leaving their droppings. The letter stems from a citizen's complaint to the RCD. Joe will be putting something in the newsletter to remind everyone the RCD's recommendations on shoreline maintenance and mowing. Jerry said that there are also some docks that need to be repaired to stay within the RCD's guidelines.

**2. DPH Water Tests** – Jerry has copies of all the water tests performed by the DPH this year. The beaches were not closed down at all this year. The water column tests show that the nitrates are very low as well. Jerry asked the state if they would allow the RCD to continue to send water samples in to them for an extra 3 months this year and they agreed to it.

**E. Dan Dummett –**

**1. Buoys and Ropes at Beaches** – Some of the ropes and buoys will be replaced next year.

**2. Dam Maintenance** – Dan is obtaining quotes for rebuilding the riprap on the dam. Based on recommendations made by the engineering firm that inspected the dam, it is in good shape, however, they did recommend a few items for preventive maintenance to keep it in good condition. The board asked for a cost estimate for installing the riprap and Dan said that the initial indication was about \$25,000, which includes about 1,000 tons of riprap, but he is going to need more information before he knows for sure. Joe added that an emergency action plan is not required for our dam because it is a type 3 dam. Dan also said that he is getting quotes for repair of the emergency spillway, which has some erosion of the concrete foundation. That will be in the \$400-500 range.

**3. Request to put up a Memorial Bench for Michael and George** – Marie Galanter told Dan that there are some members of the community who would like to erect a bench along the lake at the LCC in memory of two young men who have died in the past year and asked approval from the RCD for that. The board said that it would be acceptable as long as they got to approve the final choice.

**4. Signage at Burn pile** – There is a new 4'X4' sign at the burn pile, outlining the burn-pile usage rules. Herb also had a small flyer printed up to be put at the gates, asking if anyone has information regarding someone dumping a large truckload of 14" diameter by 10' long logs on the pile. The logs were marked with orange X's, so Herb is assuming that they are from someone's property in the community.

Tom said he would ask the Lost Nation ECC if anyone has been issued a permit to take down trees lately. Joe reiterated the importance of members of the community getting involved in monitoring the burn pile and letting the RCD know if they see someone breaking the rules. Otherwise there will be no more burn pile.

## **VII. Employee Reports – No Reports**

## **VIII. Old Business**

### **A. LMC Update – Jerry**

**1. Babbling Brook** - Frank Orland wrote to Jerry that his family had discussed the property and were in favor of the RCD hiring an engineering firm to devise a silt entrapment there. They also said that they would not be renewing the lease of the cattle farmer that grazes along the stream bank on their land when the lease expires. Jerry is very excited about the news, as the cows are a major contributor to the silt that is going into the lake.

**2. Clear Creek** – Bill Klyman, from the Nature Conservancy, will be meeting with a pasture management specialist with the USDA, who will be putting together a feedlot management program, using paddocks to isolate the cows from the creek, for the Nature Conservancy. They are also going to be doing some stream bank remediation.

**3. Shocking of the Lake** - Rick O'Neil, with the State of Illinois, called Jerry regarding the shocking of the lake. There was some concern as to them being able to come out to shock the lake due to the fact that the state originally imposed a gasoline allotment of only \$200 per DNR employee. Jerry said that the fishing club would be willing to pay for his gas to come out and shock the lake. Since then, the state raised the gasoline allotment, and Rick said that with the back up plan of the fishing club paying for the gas, and since he only has to come from Sterling, there is a pretty good chance that he can come out and shock the lake.

**4. Fehr Graham Watershed Plan** – a contract with them to implement a watershed plan would cost around \$800 a month in which they would do water sampling, water ecology tests, and develop a master plan on how to treat the lake over the next several years.

### **LMC Update – Frank Durkin**

**1. Goose Patrol** – Frank feels that it has been a great success in the three years since it was implemented. The two times of the year that are crucial to controlling the geese are in the springtime, when the geese go into nesting, and in the fall, when they walk around the beaches and public areas around the lake. The two-foot high green fencing that they used last year worked well, so they will do the West, North, and Old East Beaches, and the new boat dock this year. Joe said that earlier this year the RCD was cited by the DPH for the east beach having too many goose droppings and so he instructed the employees to clean the beaches more often – almost on a daily basis at one point. A few hundred dollars has been spent just to keep the beaches free of goose droppings and if we get too much more geese, we may not be able to keep our beach licenses.

**B. Vending Machine Project Update** – Glenn Baldwin discussed the automatic distribution program he was interested in possibly starting, which is temperature controlled and will handle up to 200 SKU's. Before he invested too much time and energy into the program, he wanted to know if the board was interested in having the unit on their property because he felt that it would have to be located on RCD property, with the RCD getting some of the profits. The machine is 18' long by 8' deep and would initially cost Glenn \$125,000. There is a unit in Philadelphia that he could go and look at, however he first wants to know if the RCD would be interested in doing it. Other than the initial cost, it is only going to take about two hours a day to operate the unit and manage it. Glenn also will be doing marketing research to figure out what amount of revenue could be generated by such a venture. Dan asked if Glenn would be marketing this outside of the community and Glenn said no, he would estimate that 95% of the business would come from inside the community. Joe asked if Glenn had spoken with the POA's to put something in the newsletter (like a letter to the editor) to find out if there is any feedback from the community on it. Glenn would rather that the RCD be in favor of looking into it further before he spoke to the community. Glenn initially suggested that the unit could go underneath the overhang against the LCC, however, Herb would rather that it be located by itself at the end of the property so that the people that would use it wouldn't be encouraged to use the facilities, thereby put more wear and tear on the building. Glenn said that there had been a question before of how many trucks would be coming in and out to stock the machine and he

looked into it and found that there would only be one or two suppliers that would be needed. It would need its own electric and phone hookups – Becky will distribute copies of the installation specifications for the board to review. The board said that they would look over the brochures that Glenn gave them and make a decision either at a special meeting or at the next regular board meeting as to whether he should proceed in looking into the venture further.

**IX. New Business -**

**A. New Landing POA dues for lots 118-119** – New Landing POA sent the RCD a bill for \$325 for lots 118 and 119 of the Lacrosse section. This would be the first year that they have been billed for this. Ralph Petersen explained that the two lots had originally been exempt from having dues assessed because the lots had been purchased by the RCD with the understanding that a fire safety building would be erected there. Because there is a fire safety building by the township building on Flagg Road, the New Landing POA voted to start charging dues on the lots since there will not be a safety building put there. Joe asked Ralph if the NLPOA could send something in writing, which would explain why they were now billing the RCD for the RCD's records. Jerry said that he would take a look at the deed too. Tom Clarey said that Lost Nation doesn't charge the RCD for lots 12 and 13 because they are being used as a park area. Joe said that the RCD would be more than happy to pay their bills as long as there is an explanation and when Jerry looks over the deed. He is leaving a copy of the bill with Jerry to approve for payment.

**X. Guests/Public Opinion**

**(Limit 10 minutes per guest/group. Please hold all comments until this time).**

**1. Ron Mangini – Sprinkler System** – Ron would like to put in a sprinkler system to water his garden using a pump to pump the water from the lake. The board gave Ron approval to water his lawn using water out of the lake. Jerry would like to look into the ordinance and see if there is something to address this issue, and if not, he feels that it should be added to the ordinance.

**2. Harold Stromberger** – Harold asked for more clarification of the letter that was read to the community from the RCD. Joe read the letter (see attached). Joe Gargano asked if there was a time frame as to when the RCD would be announcing their decision and Joe Olliges said that he can't say at this time because their final report has been received and they haven't had time to review it.

**XI. Adjourn:** Dan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35PM. Jerry seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [10-05-05]

**XII. Executive Session:**

**Next Scheduled Date: November 3, 2005**

**October 6, 2005 Motion List:**

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## Attachment 1

September 28, 2005

Please be advised that in your most recent letter to both New Landing & Lost Nation Property Association Constituents you refer the Lost Nation New Landing River Conservancy District of Illinois (RCD) as being a choice on a referendum ballot to be mailed at some future date. The RCD board continues to perform its due diligence with respect to the purchase of the New Landing Utility. We have received the preliminary study from an independent engineering firm - Fehr Graham & Associates. For those of you who familiar with EMC report that was presented to the Ogle County Court, it is fair to say that the Fehr Graham study supports much of what EMC disclosed in its report. Regardless of who acquires the Utility the users will now pay for the many years of neglect by New Landing Utility Company. When completed the RCD board will decide if it is in the best interest for the district to own the utility. We neither want nor feel the necessity of being included in any referendum issued by the Property Owners Boards. Your reading of this letter at your October first meeting is greatly appreciated. It will define the Board's current position on the utility matter

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Olliges

President, RCD