



March 1, 2007 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

Herb Hill – Secretary

Dan Dummett – Vice-President

Betty Lou Finn – Member at Large

Board Members Absent

Bill Piper – Treasurer

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Betty Lou requested to add item B. RCD Liaison to the Unity Long Range planning committee and item C. ILMA Annual Conference under the Employee/Committee Report. Dan motioned to approve the agenda with Betty Lou's amendment. Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-07-01]

IV. **Motion to Approve the February 1 and February 10, 2007 Minutes** – Betty Lou motioned to approve the February 1 and February 10, 2007 minutes. Dan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-07-02]

V. **Treasurer's Report** – Herb asked how many LCC rentals they have booked since the rate change and Becky said five 4-hour rentals. Marty said that they should start to see a decrease in their legal expenses since the petitions are done with for now. Dan asked if allied waste services are still servicing the trashcans and Becky said yes. There is a wreath down at the West Beach that they haven't picked up yet – Becky said she would notify them about it. Dan motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Marty seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-07-03]

VI. Old Business

A. **Status Report - Taylor Township Board ATV Letter** – In January, the Taylor Township Board sent the RCD a letter asking for their financial assistance in building a barricade to help stop ingress and egress of 4-wheelers from Taylor Township or RCD property onto the Lost Nation. The barrier would extend from where the RCD's property is on Flagg Road toward Larry Baker's property. Clyde Lytle said that the biggest concern of Taylor Township was the liability that would occur when the kids take their 4-wheelers from Lost Nation and jump the bank onto Taylor Township or RCD property. The barrier would need to be put up on Lost Nation property and so they asked both the Lost Nation POA and the RCD to share in the cost of putting up the barrier with the Township. Clyde talked to the Ogle county superintendent of roads, who gave him the name of the company that does most of the guardrail work for the state. Clyde got an estimate from them to build 351' of fence and sent that to Marty for him to review – the cost to the LNPOA, the RCD, and the Township would be \$1,150 each. To do a decent job they would need to infringe on some of Larry Baker's property so Clyde spoke to Larry and he gave them permission to do so. It doesn't extend all the way to Flagg Road because the embankment ends before Flagg Road so they will still be able to drive alongside Flagg Road, however, it will stop them from riding their 4-wheeler up over the embankment, hopefully limiting the liability of someone jumping off of the embankment from Lost Nation property onto Township or RCD property and breaking their neck. The township board has already approved the use of the guardrails and the matter will go before the Lost Nation POA board on the March 10th. Marty asked what they would do to warn potential encroachers that there is a guardrail there (like put up reflectors). Clyde said that they are waiting to see if all three boards approve helping with the guardrails and then they would probably talk to the contractor to find out what to put on there whether it be reflectors or signs. Marty said that the reason he asked is because he is concerned because they are trying to lessen their liability by putting up a guardrail that it doesn't add liability by having a guardrail for the riders to run into vs. having nothing there at

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all. Tom Wendling said that when he talked to the insurance company some time ago about putting up different types of barriers and they said that regardless of what they put up, they should have No Trespassing signs put up facing both ways and close enough together so that people see them. Marty asked Clyde if that would add significantly to the cost of putting in the barriers and Clyde said no. Marty asked what the restrictions the RCD would have to obtain bids for the job and Dan said that as long as the cost is less than \$2,500, they don't have to go out for multiple bids. Marty asked how much of the property belonged to RCD and Clyde said a ballpark figure would be out of the 351 feet, half runs along the RCD, 40% runs along the township, and 20% runs along Larry Baker's property. Herb said that he would like to see the proposal first to see that it covers everything that it should cover. Herb is going down with Clyde to take pictures of the site and bring a presentation to the April meeting. Tabled until April. Dan said that he would like to let the LNPOA and the township know that the RCD is in support of the concept of a guardrail, even though they are not ready to vote on it. Marty agreed with Dan.

VII. New Business

A. Review of Past Executive Sessions for Possible Release to the Public –

Marty motioned not to release the executive sessions relating to the possible acquisition of the New Landing Utility because the Lost Lake Utility District is involved in some very sensitive negotiations with Mr. Armstrong right now and Marty doesn't think that it would be in their best interest to release the records at this time. Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-07-04]

B. Betty Lou – RCD Liaison to the Unity Long Range Planning Committee – There will be an important meeting on Saturday, March 24th at 10:00AM for everyone that is interested in learning more about unity planning. Frank Durkin said that the meeting on the 24th would let the committee members put forth their proposal of what they envision for the unification process and give the community an opportunity to ask questions of them - he is hoping for a tremendous turnout.

C. Betty Lou – ILMA Annual Conference – Betty Lou said that the ILMA Conference was wonderful and that she learned that the main thing about maintaining a lake is that public awareness is key. Everyone that is involved in the lake community needs to be involved with what is going on and be aware of what is happening to the lake. 319 Grant – there are none available for dredging and that most of them that are available are for shoreline restoration using prairie grasses, etc.

Don Finn said that two things he learned at the conference involving grants that he thought were important:

1. Each year about 50-70 grant applications are turned in but only about 15-20 are given out because even though the rest of them may qualify, they don't have the funds to cover all the requests. .
2. You are more likely to get a grant to cover prairie and shoreline restoration.

Don talked to a company that has a dredging system that takes the water that is pumped out with the sludge and removes it right at the shoreline so that the silt can be immediately deposited in a dump truck and hauled away.

Jerry Sellers said that the conference facilities were very nice and the presenters were excellent. He learned that there are differences in what the IDNR takes grants for vs. the IEPA – Jerry is going to meet more with those people to learn more. It turns out that the IDNR has worked with Bill Kleiman with the C2000 grant, and the IEPA has worked with Dave Dornbusch – the LMC is working with both these men so they know that they are talking to the right people for grants.

VIII. Employee / Committee Report

A. LMC – They received the Integrated Lake Management ILM survey and Jerry asked the board

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what they would like him to do with the report and how they would like to have it reviewed. Marty said that he has not reviewed the entire report yet – he would like the board to get a chance to review it. He asked what the next step for the LMC and Joe Rush now that they have this information. Jerry said that they are going to look at the report to see where the silt is at and how much is in each basin. They will then go back in the records to find out what was in the lake's basins after the 2003 dredging program to try to figure out how quickly the silt has built up. There is about 200,000 cubic yards of silt in the lake right now. They need to watch the silt basin very carefully and Jerry is going to try to get Bill Kleiman to give them a hand with putting in a wetlands over there, possibly with the aid of a C2000 grant. At the north end of the lake by the dam, however, there is not a whole lot of silt where Babbling Brook meets up with the lake (basin 4) there *is* a lot of silt. Jerry said that once the board reviews the report, if they have any questions Jerry would be happy to answer them once he looks at it himself. In Jerry's opinion, the report does not indicate that they have a disaster or anything that has to be dealt with quickly.

Marty asked if the completion of the survey ends the involvement of ILM or are they going to be doing something else for the RCD. Jerry said that once they receive an invoice from them then that finalizes the deliverables on this particular project, however, they have a staff who can do different things for RCD like help put a dredging pump in, take core samples, or help with the permitting and they would be very much interested in working with the RCD in the future.

Marty recalled that Jerry had discussed the RCD taking their own measurements in the future and asked: do they need to get any knowledge transfer from them as far as points that they took? Jerry said that they explained that they used a two-inch PVC pipe to push it down until they get sediment and then push it down further to measure how deep the sediment is to the bedrock. They have given the GPS coordinates for all the points in the lake that they took.

Marty asked how many people and how long it took to take the measurements and Jerry said it took two people that knew what they were doing four days to take the measurements. The crunching of the numbers and putting together the verbiage and the photos took them a couple months. Marty said that suppose that they could take accurate measurements using the same data points – how would they take that data and make a comparison? Jerry said that they could buy the same software and Marty suggested that they could ask ILM to use our measurements to create a new report.

Dan asked if the report met the LMC's criteria and in an order that is approvable for payment. Jerry said that they went through it thoroughly and it meets the criteria.

Herb said that he is having a problem visualizing how they took the measurements with the PVC pipe and asked if they were retrieving the sediment and the water to see the layers of separation. Jerry said no, instead, they simply took depth readings of the sediment and described the sediment as "muck" with decayed leaves or gravel, etc, based on feel. They didn't take core samples. Don said that they use a depth finder to measure the distance between the surface of the water and the top of the sediment and the top of the sediment to the bottom of the lake. Jerry said that when they take secchi readings of the lake they drop the secchi disc down and they can feel when it hits the bottom of the lake so then they know the depth of the water. Jerry said that if you take a look at the transects (the lines going across the lake) when you look at the report, every dot indicates where they took a GPS reading. The method that ILM used is the method that is uniformly used. Herb said that he wanted to make sure that if they wanted to take the readings themselves that they would know how to do it and Jerry said that if necessary, ILM would show us how to do it – they did the survey knowing that the RCD might try to replicate the testing themselves or pay someone else to do it – not necessarily ILM. Herb asked if a \$100 GPS device would show the points accurately and Jerry said no. Marty recommended that the RCD look over the report and ask their questions later. He thanked Jerry and the LMC for their work and said that they are doing a great job. He is working with the USDA to get a grant written to help them with parts of the watershed portion of the

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committee. They are going to reach out to the watershed and get those individuals involved in knowing the role that they play in the ecology of the lake.

B. Betty Lou – RCD Liaison to the Unity Long Range Planning Committee (discussed above under New Business B)

C. Betty Lou – ILMA Annual Conference (discussed above under New Business C)

D. Becky – 1. Annual Financial Report - The annual financial report has been filed with the state comptroller's office – Becky said that she is dissatisfied with the accountants performance in that the report is supposed to be filed sometime around October and, after receiving a letter from the comptroller in January, Becky discovered that it had not been filed yet and that last year they didn't file it until January either. Marty said that he can get with the accountant and call to find out why they aren't filing it on time.

2. New Boat Sticker Application / Boat Rack Stickers – 2007 application in the works – boat rack sticker will probably be green to differentiate from the standard sticker

3. New Website is Up – Marty said that there is more information on there and it is easier to navigate. You can access past "Watershed" issues, past RCD meeting minutes, forms for LCC rentals, camping, boat sticker, and shoreline improvement application, annual financial reports, and fish stocking information. In the future, they will try to make it so that people can apply for their boat stickers online using an interactive form. The web address is www.rcdinfo.com. Jerry commented that the LMC did finalize their mission statement as indicated in the "Watershed".

IX. Adjourn – Herb motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:04PM. Dan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [03-07-05] **Next Meeting: April 5, 2007**

Guest Questions/Comments:

Mike Robinson – 1. Executive Sessions - what is the advantage of releasing minutes of executive sessions and Marty said that they have to review the past executive minutes that have not been released at 6-month intervals to determine if they can be released. Mike said that Joe Olliges said that some minutes you never have to release and Marty said that that is true – it depends on the information and is a judgment call. It is a law that you have to review the minutes to determine whether to release them, however, it is not a law that you have to release them.

2. Land Owned in Reference to the ATV issue – Mike asked if it was only the Lost Nation POA, Taylor Township and RCD that owned the land affected by the ATV issue or if the New Landing POA owned any of the property and Marty said that New Landing did not own any of the property.

Chuck Jolicoeur asked if \$3,300 was the total cost of the fencing project proposed by Taylor Township or if that was the cost for each of the entities and Clyde said that it was about \$1,150 each.

Crystal Pohlman asked who the RCD's accountant was and Becky said Lindgren, Callahan and VanOsdel.

Joe Olliges said that you can go to the Ogle County GIS and put in the pin number for the parcel online to measure it and it will tell exactly how far it is and who's territory it is in. www.oglecountygis.org

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