



# LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD

## June 18, 2008

## Time: 7:00PM

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – Marty called the meeting to order at 7:09PM.  
Board Members Present:  
Marty Portner – President                      Steve Larry – Vice President  
Herb Hill – Secretary                              Betty Lou Finn – Member at Large  
  
Board Members Absent:  
Steve Larry – Vice President
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Betty Lou motioned to approve the agenda and Herb seconded the motion. Betty Lou withdrew original motion and motioned to amend the agenda to add items C. Boat Auction, D. Dead Carp on RCD Property, E. Sharon Fannin Art Classes, and F. Mark Ridgeway – Use of Tables from LCC and Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by roll-call vote. [06-08-01]
- IV. **Motion to Approve the 03/11/08, 03/24/08, 04/08/08 4/23/08, 05/07/08 and the 06/09/08 Minutes** – Marty turned the meeting over to Herb. Marty motioned to approve the 3/11/08, 4/08/08, 5/7/08 and 6/9/08 minutes and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-08-02] Marty resumed control of the meeting.
- V. **Review and Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report** – The board appointed Becky treasurer at their June 8, 2008 special meeting. She will be preparing and giving the monthly treasurer's reports and preparing the annual budget, levy, and annual treasurer report. There was \$93,000 in checking/savings at the end of May. There were some minor clean-up day expenditures. \$383.95 was spent on replacing one of the tennis court wind/sun screens, their portion of salt and chip for last winter was \$812.39, they paid \$522 out to Nye, and they paid \$505 to Fischers for 500 copies of the survey, stabilization packets, and 300 copies of the fish survey. They paid \$947.50 for 50 Cubic Yards of woodchips at the Lake Court Center playground and \$299.99 to Anne's for a tree at the North Beach. Betty Lou motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-08-03]
- VI. **Adjourn Meeting: Public Hearing on FY2008-2009 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance** – Marty adjourned the meeting and called a public hearing on the FY2008-2009 Budget and Appropriation to order. No comments were made.
- VII. **Reconvene Meeting** – Marty reconvened the meeting.
- VIII. **Motion to Accept Tentative FY2008-2009 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance and Publish it in Newspaper Within 30 days** – Betty Lou motioned to approve the FY2008-2009 Budget and Appropriation and publish it in a Newspaper within 30 days and Herb seconded the motion. Betty Lou is concerned with the \$40,000 amount budgeted for the parking lot and thinks that there are other places that it could be used. Marty said that he is glad that it is in the budget and that it deserves its day in court, however, it doesn't mean that they have to do it just because the money is appropriated to it. He thinks that the more appropriate time to decide whether they are going to spend that money would be the time to debate it – right now for purposes of moving ahead with the budget they should include it in the budget. Marty asked Herb if he has made anymore inquiries into lighting and Herb said that he has electricians ready to give him a bid, however, he is not going to ask them for a bid until they have the money. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-08-04]
- IX. **New Business**
  - A. **Motion to Accept Annual Financial Report and Publish it in Newspaper Within 30 Days** – Betty Lou

motioned to accept the annual financial report and publish it in a newspaper within 30 days. Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-08-05]

**B. Review of and Possible Motion to Renew Security Contract** – Herb said that he would like to see a monthly report of the security activities that pertain to the RCD. Marty said that the security reports to Marty and the majority of the calls pertain to the LCC, or someone is on the lake fishing without a sticker, etc. Marty gets the monthly reports and scans them for RCD related items, he thinks they are doing a good job and he would like to continue it for another 6 months. Betty Lou motioned to approve the security agreement for another 6 months and Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-08-06]

**C. Boat Auction** – They had three boats for auction with only one boat bid on by one person, who bought the boat for \$50. The remaining boats may be able to be sold for scrap.

**D. Dead Carp on RCD Property** – Betty Lou saw about 20 dead carp down by the dam and was wondering if they can do anything about it. There is a carp fishing derby being hosted this summer by the fishing club and it was suggested that although it may not be a fishing club member that is doing it, at the next fishing club meeting they could talk to the fishing club members to ensure that they are disposing of their fish properly.

**E. Sharon Fannin – Art Classes** – Sharon Fannin, who is a property owner in the district, used to rent the Lake Court center for art classes at \$10 a rental. She wanted to rent it again for two six – hour sessions and Marty let her know that the rental terms had changed, although they normally charge \$100 for anything over 4 hours, he was willing to charge her the half-day rental rate of \$50 each. He also asked her to post a flyer at the front gates to open it to the community.

**F. Mark Ridgeway** – Use of Tables from LCC – Mark would like to use 3 tables from the LCC. Herb suggested that they could have Mark put down a retainer that would be given back to him when the tables are returned. Marty will talk to him.

#### **X. Employee / Committee / Consultant Reports**

**A. LMC – Frank Durkin – Beaver Control** Jerry, Frank, and Kevin Christiansen toured the lake and found nine properties that had damage to the trees on their property. Frank contacted the owners and got responses from seven of the nine owners. Kevin met with each of the owners and explained his experience with trapping beaver and that it was their responsibility to protect the trees on their property by wrapping them with heavy gauge fence wire if they wanted to protect them. Everyone was please with what the LMC was doing to control the beaver. They found their first beaver den on the property across from the boat storage area. The den netted three beaver, which Frank personally accounted for. A fourth beaver was caught that they think came from the creek below the dam because there is a den on the property of the golf course. Frank had Kevin contact the owners and they chose not to have the den disturbed.

**Jerry – Cattle Operation on Lowden Rd** – Bob Donaldson has until July 1<sup>st</sup> to clean up his feed lot on Lowden Road. Marty wondered if the dead cows would affect the stream entering the lake and Jerry said that the EPA is watching to see if Donaldson complies with the feedlot and if he doesn't then the EPA will step in and possibly fine him.

**IALC Meeting** – Jerry suggested that they could host an IALC meeting at the Lake Court Center in the near future.

**Concrete Pile at Silt Basin** – There was a house built in 1932 that was torn down by Bill Nordman. The concrete from the foundation was very clean (had no rebar in it) and Jerry gave Bill permission to put it down at the silt basin so that they could use it in the future to either build another peninsula or to armor the shorelines.

**B. Joe Rush – Algal growth on lake** – Joe said that over the course of the last week Jerry has contacted him about an algal bloom that they had on the lake. Joe obtained a price from a local company to treat the entire lake - \$1260 for the chemical, \$960 for the labor and \$100 mobilization fee (which includes them coming back a week later to check it). (Total \$2,320) Since they don't have a major problem on this lake with algal blooms, Joe recommends that they do a spot treatment, which should be less expensive and they could possibly stretch it into two treatments. Marty asked what the concern of having the algae is and Joe said that there is on blue-green algae your biggest concern is cyano bacteria which has a potential for a toxic release of chemicals. Herb asked if they would have to close the beaches while it was being treated and Joe said no – the copper sulfate is not toxic – it just has a metallic odor. Herb asked if other lakes are using this method of treatment and Joe said that it was

a very common treatment for ponds, golf courses, and lakes. Herb said that they have barrels of something in the basement and wondered what it was – Jerry said that whatever is in the basement is so old that it ought to be gotten rid of. Dan Nicolini asked if the copper sulfate would do any damage to vegetation along the shoreline and Joe said not necessarily – they can look at the plants that Dan may be concerned with and not treat that area. Jerry was more in favor of doing the entire lake rather than spot treating with a not-to-exceed of \$2,320. Would it be beneficial to kill all the algae to help the plant growth to improve. Joe said that he thinks that as the water clarity improves and as they stabilize the shorelines and upstream stream banks they will start to see an improvement in water quality and an increase in plant growth. The board felt that this should be addressed quickly and authorized Joe to let the company proceed with the whole-lake treatment with a not to exceed amount of \$2,320.

Lake Shoreline Stability Evaluation		
Score	Stability Rating	Percentage of Total Property
1-2	Least Stable	19%
2-3		58%
4-5		9%
5	Very Stable	4%

25% is on a forested bluff area which is not accessible except from the lake. Joe talked with a rip-rap company (Hank) that uses a boat and they bring everything in on barges – the bad thing is that they can't come here – there is not enough draft (ship's minimum depth to float) for his boat, but they can rent barges to us or a local landscaper to use for that purpose. So over the next month, Joe will be developing the specifications of the rip-rap installation, locate contractors who will perform that work, and contractors to install shoreline plantings and fiber rolls. Frank told Joe that the McCormicks are interested in installing the plantings and fiber roll. Marty asked Joe what percentage of RCD property was in the 1-2 or 2-3 range of stability and Joe said that he could e-mail that information to him. Herb asked Joe's opinion on installing a filter fabric (not plastic) under rip-rap to act as a weed barrier and Joe said that it is a good option. Marty wants RCD property stabilized first.

**C. Rebecca Olson** – Rebecca reviewed the timeline she e-mailed the board she met with Jerry and Steve to come up with the timeline that included expanding the local wildlife habitat and involve local environmental organizations in their planning. Rebecca and Jerry met with Bill Kleiman of the Nature Conservancy and she said that the Nature Conservancy has a different mission that the water quality of the watershed and she was hoping that they would be excited on partnering with the RCD on that, she is not sure that is the Nature Conservancy's initiative to be spending a lot of staff time working on the watershed itself. That shows how important it is that the RCD is doing that since no one else is doing that. What the RCD and Nature Conservancy each do complements the other, even though they don't necessarily have the same mission. She has not made contact with landowners yet – first she will put together information about the landscape as far as wetlands and floodplains and endangered species.

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

**XII. Motion to Adjourn Meeting** – Betty Lou motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:44PM and Herb seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [06-08-07]

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