



## LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD December 2, 2008 Time: 7:00PM

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call –** Marty called the meeting to order at 7:01PM

**Board Members Present**

Marty Portner -	President	Steve Larry -	Vice President
Betty Lou Finn -	Member at Large	Glenn Baldwin -	Member at Large

**Board Members Absent**

Herb Hill -	Secretary
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**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Motion to Approve Agenda –** Betty Lou motioned to approve the agenda and Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [12-08-01]

**IV. Motion to Approve the 11/11/2008 Minutes –** Glenn motioned to approve the November 11th minutes and Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [12-08-02]

**V. Review and Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report –** Current assets in checking and money market as of 11/30/2008 - \$175,849.97 RCD paid Lewis Pools \$2,760.11 to install light pole at LCC parking lot (\$2,499) and to repair a pre-existing electrical problem per Glenn (\$261.11). The RCD paid for security for September and October to the ULLPOA in the amounts of \$466.80 and \$463.80, respectively and \$68.87 to Menards for dock numbers. Per diem and employee wages were paid out. Glenn asked Becky to give him a breakdown of what Doug, Matt, and Luke do each month so that he can approve payment of their wages. RCD paid \$991.15 to Olson Ecological, \$69.24 to get the mower blades fixed (which will be billed to ULLPOA per the mower lease contract), \$577.50 to Dan Carney for his preliminary engineering work at Schings Park, \$1875 to ILM for Flagg Rd Silt Basin Survey, \$308.97 to Pfoutz plumbing for LCC men's room urinals. Glenn asked if we have to pay real estate taxes on RCD property – Becky said no. Steve asked what RCD properties the snow removal contractor plows and puts down salt and chip. To save money, Steve would like to stop plowing and putting down salt and chip across the dam, at the dam turn around and the burn-pile. Mike Robinson asked if the RCD was obligated to pay Olson Ecological the full \$25,000 and Marty said that they budgeted \$25,000, however, they are not obligated to pay the full amount and either entity (RCD or Olson) can terminate the contract with 30 days notice. Mike asked if the port-a-potty was continued at the North Beach through the winter because of ice fishing and Becky said yes. Mike asked what the RCD gets from ILM for the \$1,875 that they paid to them and Jerry said that they survey the basin to calculate how much silt is in there – it involves 2-3 people in a boat spending 4-6 hrs taking about 125 point readings with a pvc pipe at GPS marked coordinates (so that it can be reproduced at a later date) and then they take the information back and input it into software that creates 8-9 sheets of reports of the data. The software connects the dots and creates a topographical bathymetric survey so that they will know things like how much silt is there and where the greatest concentration of it is. The data is used to decide whether the silt basin is doing its job and whether it needs to be cleaned out – the survey showed that there was as much silt in there as there was a couple years ago and so they made the decision to clean the basin out (it was done last Friday). Glenn motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Steve seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [12-08-03]

**VI. Employee / Committee / Consultant Reports**

**A. Jerry Sellers - LMC/Aquatic Management Update –** Jerry told Glenn that the boat motor needs to be

removed and stored for the winter – Glenn will check to see if it has been done yet. A non-RCD property owner caught a 48" 30 lb muskie out of Lost Lake and TJ's Bait took a picture of it and submitted it to a periodical – the fisherman and TJ's bait have since been contacted. Jerry asked TJ's not to put up pictures of fish that are caught at Lost Lake or to advertise that the fishing is great there.

Joe Rush discussed the implementation of a zero-phosphorus fertilizer program for district property owners. If the RCD is going to do so, he feels that they should do it by February. so that they can get a jump on educating the landowners before the spring when they start to apply fertilizers. If they wait, they can still start the educational process at any time and get it rolling for the fall or the following spring. Steve asked whether the policy should be for shoreline property owners only or for the whole community and Joe said that it should be for the entire community because even if they are not on the shoreline, for example, they live off of a culvert, any drain off that comes off of that property will come toward the lake" (some of it will be lost to evaporation and absorption etc.). Even a farmer that lives outside of the district but who lives off of a stream impacts them as well. Steve wants the first step to be education and the next phase to be adopting a policy without a penalty. For the properties outside the community, Steve would garner help from the NRCS because they send newsletters out to the farmers and property owners and are in contact with them. Glenn suggested that they contact the contractors that work on the RCD properties and make them aware of this policy and to work with their customers. Joe spoke of Candlewick Lake, who had a volunteer group who bought a zero-phosphorous fertilizer at a reduced cost and then sold it on-site to property owners on certain weekends. Marty suggested distributing fliers and added that he wanted to see this approached from a non-intrusive, volunteer way as much as possible and feels that most people will participate.

Jerry said that the survey results showed that a large percentage of people felt that their household didn't have much impact on water quality in Lost Lake and so that shows that education is important.

**1. Silt Basin** The Flagg Rd Silt Basin was cleaned out Friday. Nordman used some extra concrete that Jerry obtained to build a small dam in the back (called a ripple) to help more sediment settle there. In the spring, the RCD will decide where to put the silt that was removed after it has dewatered. Last month, Jerry asked for the drawings that were done of the proposed Schings Park Silt Basin – Becky will get those to him right away.

**2. Shoreline Stabilization** – the bid specs are out for the East Boat Landing rip rap project – the ad was placed in the Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> edition of the Dixon Telegraph. Don Finn asked if the board sent a copy of the bid requirement to the POA and Joe said yes, he sent it to Tom Wendling. Don asked if in the bid they approved the shoreline specifications regarding the barrier and type of rock to be used and Marty said yes. Joe said that the spec. was approved last month and Marty said that he verbalized it to Tom. Joe also sent a copy of the specification so that the POA would have something to follow. Jerry said that there is a meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December between Joe Rush, Jerry Sellers, and 2 RCD board members regarding the resolution on shoreline stabilization to bring to the RCD for them to review and pass and that Tom or Don are welcome to come to it. Marty said that the resolution has not been passed yet, only the SOP that will be a part of the resolution, and the reason that the RCD passed the SOP was because the POA wanted some guidelines right away so that they could go out to bid on their shoreline stabilization to get numbers for their budget. He added that in his article for the newsletter, he stated that if necessary, they'll have a hearing for all the property owners to come and tell the RCD what they think. Mike Robinson asked how the RCD is going to make a property owner do this and Marty said that they are not going to make a property owner do anything at first. Initially, they are going to pass a resolution and see how it goes – he personally feels that they are going to have a high level of compliance because people are going to want to do the right thing. If they have to make it more firm, then they can make it an ordinance and with an ordinance comes a fine schedule and their ability to put liens on people's property, but he doesn't think it is going to come to that. Mike said that he doesn't want to see his property go into the lake and if the RCD offered financial incentives to join the stabilization program (such as buying riprap at a discount or lining up jobs at the same time to cut down on heavy machinery costs), if they can show him that coming in now saves him money, he's coming on board.

**B. Grant Program Update** – Marty asked about the assistant that Rebecca hired and how she is being billed and Steve said that Rebecca's use of an assistant will be billed on the same monthly invoices, Shannon will be billed at the same rate as Rebecca, but there will be no "double billing of hours". Steve said that with Shannon, Rebecca's time will become more efficient. Shannon has been able to find the RCD new opportunities beyond the 319 grant such as Course Legacy Program, Home Depot Foundation and the American Forest Global Relief. State funding has dried up so Steve called Rebecca off of the C2000 program so that they wouldn't waste their money. They may be meeting with the Nature Conservancy tomorrow to review funding and budgeting for the 319. They should have that in place to submit in e-mail form for the leftover funds for this year and they will do a formal grant process for continuing 319 funding in 2009. They want to meet with Bill Kleiman to keep him aware of how interested the RCD is in what he is doing on the watershed program. Steve is cautiously optimistic that they should get the 319 funding, which will help them with the Babbling Brook Silt Basin and upstream watershed. Marty said that Steve is going to have to start thinking about whether they are going to have to put some matching funds in the budget for next year. Steve said that he will have those figures finalized – the 319 grant covers 60% of the cost, the total of which he predicts to be about \$130,000. The RCD will have to come up with 40% of the projects' total, with a small amount of help from Nachusa Grasslands on the cost of the upstream stabilization. It is important that they ask on the high side so that they have what they need and if there is any funds leftover than they can just give it back. Marty asked if they do get the grant money are there any other restrictions on hiring contractors in addition to what the RCD already has to comply to. Steve said that he is not sure what comes with the grant but his sense is that they have to account for what you spend and that it is spent toward the projects that you originally asked for the money for. Marty asked if they wanted to hire volunteers to do some of the less technical work and use the grant to pay them; Steve said that they could do that and added that they could also charge that work toward the RCD's grant funding.

Jerry Sellers asked if the RCD had a Dunn and Bradstreet number – Marty said that he didn't think that it applied to governmental bodies but he would find out. Jerry spoke to a gentleman named Nick Treat who belongs to a group that appropriates funds to enhance properties that may lend themselves to attracting certain species of birds or reptiles, for example, they would take a 30 acre track of woodland and help pay to turn it into a savannah to attract a certain species. Steve asked Jerry to give that information to Rebecca. Rebecca asked Jerry if the silt basin was funded solely by the RCD or if they had financial assistance. Jerry spoke with Bill Hulbert, who was instrumental in building the silt basin and he said that he was 95% sure that the RCD paid for it without assistance. Either way it shows that the RCD has already put a lot of effort into cleanup of the lake. Steve went over his article that he will be submitting for the January 2009 issue of *the Watershed* – he did this in response to Marty's request to clarify the goals and steps that the RCD has with regard to the Grant process. Glenn feels that the article will help educate the property owners on what the RCD is trying to achieve.

## **VII. Old Business**

**A. Survey** – Marty has reviewed the comments submitted via the survey – he wants to put them into a report to submit to the board – tabled for now.

## **VIII. Guest Comments –**

**Joe Rush** – asked if Marty needed help with the survey and Marty said that he could handle it but would call him if he needed his help. Becky told Joe that they tabulated the results which are available on the website. Out of 850 surveys, 288 were returned and Joe said that the return of the survey indicated a successful survey. Marty said that the comments exposed a vast gap in their understanding of where the RCD fits with respect to the LLUD and the ULLPOA. Mike said that when the survey was mailed out, the two POAs had just unified.

**IX. Motion to Adjourn Meeting** – Steve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:17PM and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [12-08-04] Next Meeting: January 6, 2009

## **December 2008 Motion List**

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