



Lost Nation New Landing RCD Special Meeting

Date: September 29, 2003

Members Joe Gargano - Vice President
Present: Amy Spelde - Treasurer
Joe Olliges - Secretary
Fred Stegbauer - Personnel

Guests: Henry Cachel Joe Janatka Chuck Jolicoeur
Georgette Nork Ralph Petersen Vivian Schings

Agenda: -Tax Levy Hearing
-RV & Boat Parking Area
-Loan for Additional Dredging/Dredging Update
-Fish Stocking

Called to Order: The September 29th LN NL RCD meeting was called to order at 8:04PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Tax Levy Hearing

Chuck Jolicoeur said that if the RCD requests over 5% of the allotted amount than there needs to be a truth in taxation hearing. They are asking for over \$228,050 from Ogle County for next year's budget. The RCD actually received \$115,000 this year through income from taxes, which is what they get when they are granted the full .75 per \$1000 of property value in the district.

RV & Boat Parking Area

Joe G. said that when they were purchasing the 23-acre site that the silt is being taken to, there was some discussion of the Lost Nation Board acquiring 5 acres for an RV/boat parking area. Joe G. asked for some enlightenment, as he wasn't a board member at the time. Amy said that at the time they were purchasing the land, the Lost Nation Board wanted to purchase a portion of it as well, however, the seller didn't want to sell it to too many people, so the RCD purchased the land with the possibility discussed of leasing a 2 acre parcel of land to Lost Nation for a minimal amount. Lost Nation would be responsible for building the RV/Boat Parking Area, providing insurance on it, and releasing the RCD from any liability. Chuck Jolicoeur added that they had planned to allow the entire community to use it. Ralph said that as a taxing body, the RCD should be taking care of the entire area and that he was against the RCD giving rights to certain people. Fred said that when they had discussed it, they were more concerned with purchasing the land and had planned on ironing out the details of the RV/Boat Storage Area at a later date. The RCD had agreed that it should be for both communities. Ralph said that it should be for the entire RCD district and Fred agreed. Ralph said that if it ends up being run by the Lost Nation POA, rather than the RCD, he is going to vote against it. Ralph said that it should stay under the RCD's jurisdiction so that they can govern what happens.

Joe G. said that Lost Nation POA had originally been planning to purchase 5 of the acres that were for sale, however, to expedite the purchase of the land because the seller didn't want to sell it to so many people, the RCD purchased it. Joe G. had asked Steve Clark if New Landing would have any interest in it and he had said that he didn't think so. Lost Nation is still interested in doing it and would just as soon purchase some of the property from the RCD. Ralph wanted to make sure that if the RCD did sell the property to Lost Nation, that they would sell it to them for what they paid for it and not at a reduced price.

Joe O. said that as an RCD board member, he is not in favor of Lost Nation putting an RV/boat storage area there because he thinks it could create security problems like vandalism and theft and that it would be unsightly from the road. Amy said that had planned to put it toward the back

of the property and Lost Nation would have to be responsible for liability and security for it – the RCD would be held totally harmless in it. Joe O. was also concerned with the amount of space left for unloading the material they have been dredging and that they might need that extra land. Finally, Joe O. added, Joe G. was talking one day about the county and that there may be some problems with the drainage area if the RCD fills it with dredging material. Joe O. said he thinks that the RCD should be more concerned with the lake rather than RV/boat parking lots, playgrounds, and other areas.

Joe G. said that the reason he wasn't in favor of the RCD running it is because of the cost of developing it, with improvement of a parking area, putting a road in and enclosing it with a fence, it could cost \$10,000-20,000.

Ralph said that the RCD doesn't have to make a decision right away just because Lost Nation POA wants one. Joe G. countered that it has been going on for two years, and in reference to New Landing, he has talked to Steve Clark about it and had asked him to bring it up at New Landing's Annual meeting last year, but Steve had said that there was no interest in it. Ralph disagreed, saying that Joe only talked to one person on the board. Discussion ensued about the details of who was interested in it and the RCD's past agreement to iron out the details later. Joe O. said it would be a good idea to discuss this with the Lost Nation board or their liaison to express their feelings on it now.

RV/boat storage area tabled until the future.

Loan for Additional Dredging/Dredging Update

Loan for Additional Dredging

Amy said the RCD has three years left on the existing property loan. They have been approved by the bank to assume the existing loan and add on another \$60,000 at 5% interest, increasing the payment to \$28,000 a year for five years. That would increase their payment by \$5000 dollars and add on two years to their existing loan. Joe G. asked if the balance of their current loan was about \$49,000 and Amy agreed it was around that. Joe asked when the next payment of the current loan was due and Amy said next April. She made the last payment right at the end of last fiscal year (she paid in April to get it off last year's fiscal year although it is not actually due until May or June).

Amy motioned for the RCD to modify the existing loan by adding an additional \$60,000 at the 5% interest rate, which would extend the loan to 5 years with annual payments of \$28,000 due, to pay for additional dredging. Joe O. seconded the motion. Fred questioned whether they needed the full \$60,000 this year or if they should consider just taking what they have budgeted for next year (for example, \$50,000) and take a one-year note on it and then pay it off next year rather than spreading it out over 5 years. Amy said that the only thing that concerns her is that if they do that and something happens, they won't have any money next year for emergency dredging. She added that they could still take the 5 year loan out, and if they don't need the budgeted money for dredging next year, then they could pay off that much more of the loan at the end of the fiscal year. Joe O. said that he would like to do additional dredging this year because they have had good weather for it so far and next year they may not be so lucky weather-wise; if they need up to \$60,000 in extra money this year for dredging, then he is in favor of it.

Dredging Update

Joe G. said that to date they have removed about 22,000 cubic yards of material from the lake, spending about \$85,000 of the \$130,000 budgeted. The dredging has gone very well so far, except for getting Schings Park going and the hauling of the wet material has slightly reduced productivity. They were planning on using the remainder of this week and one or two days next week to finish the grading and move the shoreline at Schings Park, which Joe G. figures will cost at least another \$20,000-25,000. That would bring the total up to \$110,000, leaving only \$20,000 of the original budget to spend. He and

Fred were down at the south end yesterday and Joe talked to the contractors today, who said that more than likely they may encounter the same conditions that they did at Schings Park with the water (that's why they pumped it out at Schings Park). Joe said that it isn't cost-effective and he doesn't even know if they could do it at the south end, because they would probably need two pumps running 24 hours a day just to bypass the area that they want to dredge. They are hoping to go down next week to try it, but if they go down there like they did at Schings Park and they encounter the same conditions, then they probably won't be able to mechanically dredge the material that they wanted to dredge out of there. Joe said that it drastically needs some kind of removal and there is a way they can do some limited removal, however, he doesn't know if \$60,000 would buy what he and Fred have in mind to be done down there. Joe said that they have been able to remove the material at a cost of \$4 per yard. Ralph asked how much the original amount to be spent was and Joe G. said \$130,000.

Joe O. said that he understood that the \$130,000 originally was going to cover the south end too and Joe G. responded that it still would (they just wouldn't be able to remove as much), Amy asked what the extra \$60,000 was for then. Joe G. said that is what he is trying to get them out of there for. So far they have done \$85,000 of work; when they are running all of their equipment it costs the RCD \$7,000 a day. If he allowed them to work there for two more days that would cost \$14,000, which would bring the total up to \$99,000. The agreement today was Nordman was going to come in today with his bulldozer and backhoe, and they were going to work the shoreline back and just grade it out. He told Nordman that he has to get out of there with \$25,000 left. They were only going to try to remove 7,000 yards from the south end, at \$4 a yard, that would be \$28,000, which is what they budgeted. So they aren't going to get 7,000, instead, he told them if they could get 5,000-6,000 out of the south end he would be happy. The original plan was to remove 7,500 from the south end. That is what Joe is saving the \$30,000 for, they would just make it, because he has to keep a couple thousand out to pay Ken Oltmanns to put the boards back and to grade and seed the areas. Now, if they approve the extra \$60,000 and the contractors go in there and they are having the same success as at Schings Park (and can do it at the same rate) then Joe would like to use the extra money to take even more out. Joe said he had talked to George Schwamberger and he had mentioned siphoning with a couple of 8" hoses to help lower the lake. They would have to start lowering the lake by the end of the week, shut the contractors down next week, and see if the lake does lower. They discussed using pads for the equipment to go out on as well, and Joe told them that they would be willing to spend \$2500 for the pads, if they thought that would help. That would come out of the \$60,000 as well, then the RCD would own the pads. They just don't know if it will work at this time because of the incoming flow of the creek.

Ralph wondered if they are going to run into any problems by increasing the work to \$190,000, when the original bid was for \$130,000. Someone might say, "If I had known it was \$190,000, I would have bid on it." Joe G. said that they shouldn't have any problems because in their spec., it is worded that the RCD reserves the right to extend the project, furthermore, no dollar amounts were indicated on the bid specs., it was all time and material rates. The original verbiage stated that the job could be extended another 400 hours on top of the 600 originally, making it a total of 1000 hours, so they will have to vote to extend the hours allowed for the contract.

Vivian Schings asked when our lake be back to normal and Joe responded that if they go with the additional \$60,000, the water will be going back up the first week of November or perhaps sooner.

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-29-03-01]

Joe O. motioned to extend the 1,000 hours that is in the original contract by another 1,000 hours, allowing up to 2,000 hours total. Fred seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-29-03-02]

Fish Stocking

Fred wants to put out \$3,000 for fish stocking this year. Some people have commented that it

should be more, but, based on the amount that they have spent on dredging this year, plus the report generated by the fish shocking (they are doing well), Fred feels that the \$3,000 will be sufficient. Joe G. asked when the stocking would take place and Fred said that they want to get the walleye in pretty quickly – they will be using a local vendor for that. Amy asked if the lake being down would harm the fish, and Fred said he had asked them and they said no. Joe O. asked if they would stock in the spring too, and Fred responded that if they had the money in there, he wouldn't be opposed to it. They will be getting small mouth bass, muskie, and northern from the vendor, Gollon. Fred also wanted to look into putting some catfish in, because the DNR had suggested it – the catfish that are in the lake now are all old, they aren't reproducing well in the lake. Joe G. asked if Fred had discussed his idea from last year about getting some larger fish and Fred said that the vendor doesn't have the larger muskie anymore but if they do have the larger fish, he is still in favor of it (he had talked about getting some 20" muskie). Joe G. asked if there were restrictions on the amount of aggressive fish that a lake of our size can support because he doesn't want to put too many in. Fred said that he had always heard that you should have 1 muskie per acre of lake, but he never heard that about northern. Fred motioned to spend \$3,000 on fish stocking this fall. Joe O. seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [09-29-03-03]

Joe G. made a few closing comments on the dredging, saying that, with some areas as high as 7-8 feet deep, the volume of material was greater than they had anticipated. In front of Henry Cachel's house there was two feet of sediment besides the island that they removed. Vivian Schings asked when the last time was that they dredged up at Schings Park and Joe said 1993. It was 1989 that they did the dredging by Henry's house and created the island. When Ken Oltmanns did the hydraulic dredging a couple years back, he went further out in the lake, trying to work back into the bay. Joe G. said that John Kaminski related a terrifying experience that he had once while swimming where he got stuck in the mud there because the water was only a foot deep. Joe G. added that when the lake comes back up, it should be about 5-6 feet deep on average there. Chuck said that he spoke with Ron Mangini and they said that Lost Nation would allow the RCD to use the land adjacent to the property that RCD is buying to put silt on or go into the lake from. Joe thanked Chuck for the reminder and said that he also spoke with Ron, who told him the same thing, and at the last board meeting, Joe had asked if they could use Lakeside park, behind the Kreger's, to put silt onto and the board gave permission for that too. If they allow it, Joe said that they may want to let the dredging sit over the winter and haul it in the spring when it dries, because hauling will be cheaper if it is dry. Vivian Schings asked why the special meeting was called tonight and Joe said for the Tax Levy Hearing.

Henry Cachel commented that the beavers are working over by the bridge by Clear Creek.

Adjourned: Joe O. motioned to adjourn the meeting. Fred seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by roll-call vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:22PM. [09-29-03-04]

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