

ROCK KOSHKONONG LAKE DISTRICT
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 6th, 2006
6:30pm

Commissioners Present:

Brian Christianson
Ray Lunder
Jeff Folk
Frank Micale
Marty Walsh
Arnie Lund

Absent:

Mary Mawhinney

1. Call to Order – Brian Christianson
2. Confirmation of Meeting Notice and Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve agenda
Frank Micale, second Jeff Folk, motion adopted.
3. Approval of MARCH 7th, 2006 Minutes – motion to approve minutes
Frank Micale, second Jeff Folk, motion adopted.
4. Treasurer’s Report – Ray Lunder.

Ray stated the he was working with the auditor preparation for the annual meeting in July. Monies from the municipalities were still arriving. A lengthy discussion regarding the expense of the contested case hearing, namely, the law firms have far out-run their preliminary estimates for total cost of the Hearing. Brian stated this was a result of the DNR introducing testimony that had no immediate impact on the RKLD water level request, but that the attorneys believed should be responded to by the RKLD. It was the firm opinion of Brian and the attorneys that every claim and every accusation needed to be responded to, so that a circuit court judge would not be inclined to dismiss the RKLD is not answering everything. This resulted in high expenses by attorneys and expert witnesses to effectively counter DNR and LKRA claims.

A full report would be printed with the annual newsletter, but even then, RKLD will not have received a full account of the cost of the Hearing.

Motion to approve Treasurers Report
Jeff Folk, second Marty Walsh, Motion adopted.

5. Old Business
 - a. Contested Case Hearing

Brian stated that the decision by the ALJ would not be issued before the annual meeting date; this would add strain to an already tight RKLD budget. Brian stated that the judge had requested more information in post summary briefs, and while that is being regarded as a positive sign, it adds to the cost of the hearing.

6. 2007 Annual Meeting
 - a. Approval of Agenda/Notice
 - i. Motion to approve the agenda for the 2006 annual meeting scheduled for July 22nd, 2006
 - ii. Arnie Lund, seconded Jeff Folk, Agenda adopted

 - b. Approval of 2006 Treasurer's Report
 - i. Motion to approve 2006 Treasure's report for printing, with understanding that the receipts may be adjusted
 - ii. Frank Micale, seconded Brian Christianson, Report adopted

 - c. Approval of 2007 Budget
 - i. A lengthy discussed took place about the amount of the per parcel tax levy. Ray noted that \$100 per parcel could be recommended at the annual meeting, or, a resolution asking for a approval to take a loan to cover the unknown costs of the hearing.

Brian noted that for a local unit of government to take a loan is cumbersome and it may not pass at the annual meeting.

It was agreed to request a \$100 per parcel tax levy at the annual meeting, with the understanding that if it was voted down, the RKLD would suggest Plan B as the loan to cover the final bills, whatever they end-up being.

Marty Walsh, Ray Lunder seconded, Budget passed.

 - d. Discussion/Approval of Newsletter
 - i. Brian noted he had drafted the contents of the newsletter with Ray and the attorneys had signed-off of the legal notice and the proper budget format. Frank has a printer in Johnson Creek that Brian will contact for printing and mail housing.

7. Appoint Audit Committee
 - i. Dave Brown has been retained to conduct an audit as required by state statutes.

8. Public Participation

- i. A lengthy public discussion took place regarding the cost of the Contested Case Hearing to date. Everyone was surprised at the cost, but reminded the board that the annual meetings have repeatedly directed the board to pursue this avenue.

Brian mentioned that he expected the \$100 per parcel tax levy would be a one-time amount, and that future expenses and state law would not permit that amount to be collected in 2008 tax year.

9. Adjourn

- i. Motion to adjourn, Jeff, seconded Ray, adjourned.

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Marty Walsh, Secretary
Drafted by Brian Christianson, Chair