

Rock Koshkonong Lake District

Meeting Minutes

Rock Koshkonong Lake District Board of Commissioners

Date: June 24, 2013
Location: Tallgrass Restoration – 3129 E County Road N, Milton, WI
Present: Brian Christianson, Ray Lunder, Jim Bowers, Andy Walton, Steve Proud, Joan Huedepohl,
Absent: Mary Mawhinney
Guest: Bill O'Connor – Wheeler Van Sickle & Anderson – Legal Counsel

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Christianson at 6:05 P.M.
2. Meeting notice and agenda – The Chair confirmed that the meeting notice and agenda had been legally posted in the two weekly newspapers, the Sanitary District and the web site. Commissioner Walton interjected that at the last meeting he had specifically requested that the audit issue be placed on the agenda. The Chair noted the concern and advised Commissioner Walton he had advised him via email that he had spoken to legal counsel and we were completely covered to talk about this issue at this meeting.
3. Approval of June 6th Board Meeting Minutes – The Chair noted that the June 6th meeting minutes included the Treasurer's Report and this will be included in all future minutes.

A motion was made by Ray Lunder and seconded by Joan Huedepohl to accept the June 6th meeting minutes. This motion was carried by a voice vote.
4. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Lunder gave the Treasurer's report. Since the last meeting was June 6th there was no change to the Treasurer's report. Commissioner Walton asked if the Treasurer's report contained a listing of every check written. It was explained to Commissioner Walton that unlike Fulton Township the RKLDB Board is all volunteer; Town of Fulton and other town boards have monthly wages, stipends and salary which have withholdings as well as contributions to state retirement system on behalf of the Town Clerk. We do not have that level of checks being cut every month. The Chair went on to note that any expenditure over \$10,000 be itemized on our category list for our budget. The Chair added, "We go above and beyond the call of duty in providing financial information to the general public."

Treasurers Report

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Previous Meeting Date June 6,
2013

Section I, Operations Checking

	Deposits	Charges	Total
Beginning Checking Account, April 30, 2013 (7761)			\$90,283.36
Monthly Activity			
May	\$406.16	\$7,200.22	
Totals from statements	\$406.16	\$7,200.22	-\$6,794.06
Checking Balance, May 31, 2013 (7761)			\$83,489.30

Section II, Operations Savings

	Deposits	Charges	Total
Beginning Interest Savings Acct April 30, 2013 (4680)			\$4,941.83
May	\$0.21	\$15.00	
Totals from statements	\$0.21	\$15.00	-\$14.79
Savings Balance May 31, 2013			\$4,927.04

Total of checking and Savings May 31, 2013 (4680) **\$88,416.34**

Section III, Dam Savings Transactional

	Deposits	Charges	Total
Dam Savings Account Balance April 30, 2013 held at M&I Bank (2293)			\$70,148.09
May	\$5.96	\$0.00	
Totals from statements	\$5.96	\$0.00	\$5.96

Total of Segregated Dam Fund May 31, 2013 held at M&I Bank (2293) **\$70,154.05**

Section IV, Dam Savings MM M&I Bank

	Deposits	Charges	Total
Dam Savings MM1 Account Balance April 30, 2013 held at M&I Bank (2407)			\$354,645.50

May	\$30.12	\$0.00	
Totals from statements	\$30.12	\$0.00	\$30.12

Total of Segregated Dam Fund May 31, 2013 held at M&I Bank (2407) **\$354,675.62**

Section V, Dam Savings MM M&I FSB

	Deposits	Charges	Total
Dam Savings MM2 Account Balance April 30, 2013 held at M&I Bank FSB (9826)			\$243,680.00
May	\$20.70	\$0.00	
Totals from statements	\$20.70	\$0.00	\$20.70

Total of Segregated Dam Fund May 31, 2013 held at M&I Bank FSB (9826) **\$243,700.70**

Total all Segregated Dam Fund May 31, 2013 from all locations **\$668,530.37**

Section VI, Lake Improvement M&I

	Deposits	Charges	Total
Segregated Lake Improvement Fund Savings Account Balance April 30, 2013 held at M&I (9295)			\$50,337.87
May	\$4.28	\$0.00	
Totals from statements	\$4.28	\$0.00	\$4.28

Total of Segregated Lake Improvement Fund May 31, 2013 held at M&I **\$50,342.15**

Section VII, Grand Total All Funds

Total of All Funds, April 30, 2013 **\$807,288.86**

5. Old Business -

- Review Proposed 2013 Budget for FY 2014 – The Chair read an excerpt from Lake Tides magazine that goes out to many Lake Districts across the state. A Q&A in this publication covered the question of what a Lake District’s audit entails. The Chairman read the article to the Board and noted the RKLD has an Audit Committee that is made up of the Treasurer of the Lake District and Summit Accounting, a professional accounting firm in Janesville that reviews all expenditures and revenues. The question is whether the cost of an audit should be included in the budget. The Chair noted that in recent years the electors have turned down the expenditure for a deep dive audit. The Lake District’s legal counsel was a guest at the meeting which the chair noted was an expense that he did not want to incur because all past processes have been in compliance. Unfortunately it has become time to defend ourselves in the volunteer nature of this Board. Counsel O’Connor went on to explain that a lot of Lake Districts do this by having a volunteer group of members from the Board of Commissioner’s to go over the Treasurer’s report and audit it in that sense. The other option is get a complicated financial audit conducted by a certified auditing firm with a specific description of the kind of review that they do. The proposed budget includes the cost of a financial statement audit. If the budget is approved with the charge for the audit the special charge will be \$45 per parcel. If the proposal for the budget is amended at the Annual Meeting to eliminate this audit charge, the special charge will be \$35 per parcel. The Board discussed the audit further and Mr. O’Connor summed everything up by saying “how much of the taxpayer’s money does this Board want to spend that goes beyond what is required?” Commissioner Bowers asked about the \$2,000 in the budget for boater safety based on the knowledge that this would not be used for buoys as originally intended. It was decided to keep the \$2,000 in the budget as a good will gesture and also because the 5 towns contribute to the Safety Patrol.

A motion was made to accept the 2014 proposed budget by Steve Proud and seconded by Jim Bowers. The budget recommendations carried by a voice vote and will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

- Status of Dredge Project – No update from the last meeting.
- Town of Sumner Bond Dispute – Tim from Badgerland Excavating was at the meeting. This involves the dispute with the Town of Sumner regarding the road conditions. To date, the Lake District has not received a response from the Town of Sumner of any kind on the memo regarding the \$2,500 offered by the District to their road fund. Commissioner Bowers discussed what he reviewed with the Town of Sumner and the fact that they did a survey before and after the work but the Town of Sumner made no mention in their report that the “after” was done after the spring thaw when road damage occurs. Both the District and the Town of Sumner want to avoid legal action on this matter. Tim stated that he felt that the Town’s desire to

undercut and re-pave the road is far beyond what is involved to repair a road that is 20–30 years old. After further discussion, The Board decided to take no action on this matter.

- State Supreme Court Decision – No Update

6. Public Participation – Jack Brey from Allendale Road had been in Janesville today attending the Parks Committee Meeting. Jack’s concern centered on the fact that the 7.5 level would drastically impact boating on the river. Jack stated that discussion at the meeting to raise the limit on the north side of the river to 8.0 was voted down by the Committee. The Chair noted this is the same scenario as last year where the District spent legal fees to come to a reasonable decision to lift the slow–no–wake on the river. Frank Boucek asked for clarification regarding the audit and if having a public accounting firm at the Annual Meeting would be an expense to the District. Commissioner Walton made the Board aware that at the Fulton Town meeting that citizens have approached them and they are concerned about the transparency of the Lake District books and yearly financials. Commissioner Walton presented The Chair with the Fulton Township meeting minutes and a copy of the petition. The Chair gave them back to Commissioner Walton and advised that legal counsel will contact the town clerk and ask for these in an electronic version.

7. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 6:30