

JUNE 16, 2022
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
ROCK KOSHKONONG LAKE DISTRICT

Chair Alan Sweeney called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Board of Commissioner members present were Susan Shearer, Michael Shumaker, Bill Burlingame, Kerry Hull, Mark Meyer, and Michael Hart.

Sweeney confirmed the meeting agendas were posted.

APPROVE AGENDA: A Shearer/Hull motion to approve the June 16, 2022 agenda passed, all voted in favor.

APPROVE MINUTES: A Shearer/Hart motion to approve the draft May 19, 2022 meeting minutes as presented, all voted in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There was no public participation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Meyer presented the Treasurer's report. The annual financial audit for the Rock Koshkonong Lake District will be held on Wednesday, June 22 at 6:00 p.m. Meyer reviewed the \$190,000 amount that will be transferred to the Water Control Project from the General Fund as approved in the budget. At the annual meeting, Meyer plans to present various options to use the \$190,000 payment to reduce the borrowing length of time.

A Shearer/Shumaker motion to approve the Treasurer's report and the bills list for the general fund in the amount of \$5,302.93 passed, all voted in favor.

INDIANFORD DAM REPORT

Chairperson Sweeney stated the Water Control Project schedule continues to be based on water levels and weather. IEI has requested current flow information from Montgomery & Associates of the capacity of the powerhouse in the normal water level. IEI requested to begin the work the week of July 6, but Sweeney stated this may not be possible due to the increase in the water level.

LAKE MANAGEMENT

Petition to Detach from Lake District, Parcel 016-0514-0221-001 Jefferson County

A Burlingame/Hart motion to approve the petition to detach from the Lake District and remove from the boundaries. Burlingame requested to amend the motion and Hart agreed.

A Burlingame/Hart motion to direct Attorney Thompson to write a resolution approving the petition for detachment for Parcel 016-0513- 2511-006 located in Jefferson County passed on a 5/2 roll call vote. Sweeney and Shumaker voted against the motion.

The Commission decided to hold a listening session on Saturday, July 23 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Racetrack Park to discuss the water control project and the Indianford Dam water level order. Commission recommended Mead & Hunt present the design of the water control project.

A Burlingame/Shearer motion to schedule a listening session at Racetrack Park on Saturday, July 23 from 10:00 a.m – 12:00 p.m.

LANDING AND LAKE ACCESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Annual Meeting

Attorney Thompson indicated sending a postcard announcing the annual meeting satisfies the state statute requirement. The Commission discussed details to include in the postcard. The recommended details include the date, time, location of the meeting, and location the agenda materials will be made available. There will be an encouragement to subscribe to email notifications.

A Meyer/Burlingame motion to utilize a postcard to satisfy the requirement for the annual meeting notice passed, all voted in favor.

Chair Sweeney recommended Addie Schlüssel from Rock River Coalition to host a 15-20 minute presentation at the annual meeting regarding water quality. Eric Richardson recommended the discussion include a connection with the Indianford Dam project.

Burlingame recommended discussing the high-water levels and the change in the water quality through the years.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jerry Cox recommended the Lake District work on a strategy to inform the public of the Indianford Dam Operating Order and discuss the process on how it is decided.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Shearer stated the water control level study has been started but there has not been a definitive end date presented.

Meyer stated the goal with the operating order is to maintain a consistent water level to improve the ecological environment.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is set for Thursday July 21 at 6:00 p.m. at Fulton Town Hall.

Being no other business before the Board, a Hull/Shumaker motion to adjourn passed at 7:30 p.m., all voted in favor.