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Rock-Koshkonong District turns down proposed tax increase



ASHLEY MCCALLUM
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ANTHONY WAHL

The Rock-Koshkonong Lake District will consider a tax increase later this month to pay for improvements at the Indianford Dam.

opposition against the increase.

“I kind of suspected it. The electors, they don't mind raising their

FORT ATKINSON-- Members of the Rock-Koshkonong Lake District voted, overwhelmingly, against a \$20 per parcel increase on property taxes at its annual meeting Saturday.

Board Chairman Brian Christianson said he was not surprised to see large



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taxpayer money.”

Lenox's opinion was shared by many in the room, when a large visible majority of members voted against the increase.

Spirits rise with high water levels

After 14 years of petition, the lake district's dreams of raising the water level for slow-no-wake orders on Lake Koshkonong was passed by the Department of Natural Resources said Bill O' Connor, attorney for the lake district announced Saturday.

The Department of Natural Resources will allow the maximum water level before a slow-no-wake order to be 2.5 inches higher than in the past, O' Connor said.

This will last two years, he said. In 2019, if the Department of Natural Resources determines that the rise has not made a “severe adverse impact to wetlands,” it will raise the maximum another 2.5 inches, for a 5 inch total increase.

Water levels on Lake Koshkonong are currently 2 feet above the level for a slow-no-wake order, meaning this action is not currently relevant, but is in affect, Christianson said.

The Department of Natural Resources has not told the district, specifically, how it will evaluate the wetlands in 2019, O' Connor said.

Elections

Commissioner Jim Bowers and Secretary Steve Proud were re-elected for three-year terms.

George Wellenkotter, of Indianford, was nominated as a write-in candidate. He accepted nomination because he felt people were looking for “a different voice” on the board, he said,

Bowers and Proud received 85 votes a piece, securing their seats on the board. Wellenkotter received 25 votes.

A story on page 2A of Sunday's paper incorrectly reported that



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votes received for George Wellenkotter. The correct number of votes received was 25.



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