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Rock-Koshkonong Lake District

Notice and Agenda for the 2003 Annual Meeting Budget Hearing and Approval of Annual Budget

Fort Atkinson High School
925 Lexington Ave.
Fort Atkinson, WI.

To ALL ELECTORS AND PROPERTY OWNER OF THE DISTRICT

Please take notice that the 2003 Annual Meeting of the electors and property owners of the Rock-Koshkonong Lake District will be held pursuant to Section 33.30 of the Wisconsin Statutes at the Fort Atkinson High School 926 Lexington street Fort Atkinson, WI. At 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 26, 2003 to consider the following matters.

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Minutes of the 2002 Annual Meeting
3. Treasurer's report
- Report of the Budget
5. Presentation of the Annual Budget
6. Public Hearing and Approval of Annual Budget
 - a. Indianford Dam fund resolution
 - b. Approval of Indianford Dam fund resolution
7. Chairman's report on the District's Activities since the 2002 meeting
8. Election of Commissioner for a Three-Year Term expiring in 2006
9. Dam progress report (ownership/repairs/lease)
Request to DNR for a change in the Indianford Dam Operating Orders
by Atty. Bill O'Connor (Wheeler Van Sickle & Anderson S.C.)
10. Presentation of high water levels and it's relationship to Wetlands and Summer
Water Level Drawdowns for Wetland Restoration
by: Scott Storlid (Natural Resource Consulting) (Consultant for Wetland Owners)
11. Presentation of Hydrology Study, Wetlands Response study, Shoreline Erosion and Planning Grant 2003
by: Rob Montgomery (Montgomery Associates) Steve Hjort (RSV Engineering) (Stan Nichols,
(Biologist Consultant retired UW-Extension) Dave Mickelson (Professor Department of Geology and
Geophysics, University of Wisconsin)
12. Any other appropriate business
13. Adjourn

Jim Folk Chairman

2002/2003

The district was successful in obtaining 9, \$10,000 restoration and protection grants for wetlands surrounding the lake. Those 9 property owners who were recipients of those grants have either completed the work or in the process of completing the work that was applied for.

We were also successful in obtaining another \$10,000 planning grant to continue our efforts in finding solutions for lake improvement.

The Board of Commissioners signed a one-year extension of the dam purchase contract to allow Rock County sufficient time for dam repairs.

On April 22nd we formally requested the WNDR for a change in the operating orders

The district also contracted with two new specialists to act as consultants to help in our efforts of gathering technical data required by the DNR for our request in the operating order change:

Dave Mickelson Professor Department of Geology and Geophysics, University of Wisconsin

Stan Nichols, Biologist Consultant retired UW-Extension

Meeting Minutes
Rock Koshkonong Lake District
Annual Meeting July 26, 2003

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Fort Atkinson High School

1. Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m.
 - a. Attending; Jim Folk, Jerry Richardson, Frank Micale, Ray Lunder, Buck Sweeney, Dick Towns, Steve Hjort, Kerry Hull, Bill O'Connor and approx 138 property owners and electors signed in.
 - b. Ray Lunder read the minutes from the 2002 annual meeting to kick off the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the 2002 annual meeting.

2. Treasurers Report
 - a. Jerry Richardson led us through the Treasurer's report which included a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in retained earnings dated December 31, 2002.
 - b. A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the treasurers report dated December 31, 2002.

3. Report of the Budget Committee.
 - a. Buck made a motion to vote on the budget until after all of the presentations. This was not approved and the budget was voted on.
 - b. There was a question on the water level proceedings. It was explained that because of the wetland owners, the water level would be contested, and we would need to fund this.
 - c. A motion was made to breakdown the costs of anything that was over \$10,000, this motion was seconded and approved.
 - d. A question was raised as to what was forcing us into litigation over the water level issue. Bill explained that anyone can contest this issue, but the primary vocal contestants were a handful of wetland owners being lead by Linn Duesterbeck and Buck Sweeney.
 - e. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget for the coming year.

4. Chairman's Report on the District's Activities since the 2002 Annual Meeting.
 - a. The Chairman reported the progress on the Dam Progress Report, the Hydrology Study, Planning Grants, Lake Studies, and the 206 feasibility study. He also mentioned what was completed:
 - i. A comprehensive Lake Rehabilitation plan has been completed.
 - ii. Breakwaters were installed around most of the wetlands during the winter.
 - iii. Completed a detailed hydrological study which included actual results which validated the model's of 2002.
 - iv. On April 21, 2003, the Lake District filed a formal petition to the DNR to change the operating orders to a year round consistent level, which also will eliminate the winter drawdown. The proposed target level is 776.8 which is 7.2 inches above the current summer target today of 776.2.
 - v. Completed the OHWM study which showed that the proposed change in operating orders wouldn't infringe on anyone's property rights around the lake.
 - vi. Completed breakwater studies and expanded wetland protection studies. Both have indicated that spring flooding and carp are the major reason for wetland lose and erosion. A change in the operating orders wouldn't have any effect on the lose of wetlands. Riprapping is the only real solution to preserving what wetlands still exist.

 5. Election of Commissioners.
 - a. Buck made a presentation with the following information:
 - i. He was for a stable lake level, yet he proposed 4 different operating orders in a meeting held over the summer that would raise and lower the water at different times of the year.
 - ii. Wants diversity on the board, meaning he wanted the board position because he is for lower water levels which is against what the vast majority of the Lake District has asked us to pursue.
 - iii. The wetland owners want to work with the Lake District. Buck is on the wetlands owners board, and voted in favor of the meetings being closed to the public, and charging a fee to be at the meetings.
 - iv. Said he was in favor for a summer drawdown, without any data to show what this might do to our natural resource.
 - b. Tom Kelly asked Buck, if he were a man, to remove his name from the ballet stating a serious conflict of interest. "How can you stand up there and ask this audience for your vote for the Lake District, when
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you are leading the charge against the Lake District in trying to get lower water levels. This is pitiful".

- c. Brian Christianson made a presentation with the following information:
 - i. Brian stated that he was the one that made the motion to give the Board the go ahead to pursue a formal request to the DNR to raise the water levels at our last annual meeting. Since that time, the Lake District did just that, and are going through the process to make this happen.
 - ii. Brian spoke of the letter that was sent by Buck Sweeney and the Wetland owner's association, that requested a summer drawdown, which is completely contradictory of what the Lake District is pushing for.
 - d. A vote was conducted, and Brian won by a large margin of 318 to 28.
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6. Bill O'Connor gave an update on the Dam repairs.
 - a. Dam repairs have been approved by the Rock County board.
 - b. Bids were opened for letting.
 - c. County is expected to sign a contract, and begin work by August 15, 2003.
 - d. Repairs are expected to be completed by December 19, 2003.
 - e. The DNR and the Lake District will do independent inspections to see if the repairs have been done to an acceptable manner.
 - f. Transfer of the ownership of the Dam could take place in early 2004.
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7. Scott Storlid gave a ½ hour presentation, Rob Montgomery gave a ½ hour presentation, and Steve and Stan Nichols gave a ½ hour presentation. All presentations are on the website and can be viewed there.
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8. Any other appropriate business.
 - a. No other business was brought before the board besides a few questions regarding the water level issues.
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9. Adjourn.
 - a. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
 - b. Meeting adjourned, Noon.
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