

Rock Koshkonong Lake District 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: August 2, 2008
Location: Fort Atkinson High School
926 Lexington Street, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin
Present: Brian Christianson, Ray Lunder, Jeff Folk, Dave Brown, Frank Micale,
Mary Mawhinney, Ed Sandner, Bill O'Connor, Legal Counsel, Dave Larsen, Auditor

1. Call to Order. 9:10 a.m.

A. Chairman Christianson went through some rules so the meeting will be orderly and efficient.

1. Step to the microphone stand to speak, have your yellow ballot card.
2. State your name and address in the District.

He announced the public notice of the meeting was legally posted.

2. Minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting

Secretary Ed Sandner presented the minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting. Chairman Christianson asked for any corrections or additions, there being none, a motion to approve the 2007 Annual Meeting minutes was made, seconded and approved.

3. Annual Audit report of 2007

Audit Committee Representative Dave Larsen stated after review of the Rock Koshkonong Lake District finances he found all in proper order. No motion was needed at this time.

4. Chairman's Report.

Chairman Christianson introduced the members of the Board, and members of the legal team
Chairman Christianson thanked the many volunteers and Tallgrass Restoration for allowing RKLDD to hold their meetings at their facility. He also introduced and welcomed guest speakers for this meeting.

At this time, Chairman Christianson explained the fundraiser being held to benefit the shoreline restoration to be discussed later in this meeting.

Chairman Christianson asked for a moment of silence for Todd Simmons and Randy Weltzin who both passed away this last year. Both men were large supporters of the RKLDD.

Chairman Christianson reported that during the flood he was advised that the dam wings would need immediate reinforcement to prevent a dam breach. A decision was made to reinforce the dam at a cost of approximately \$40,000.

At this time Resolution 2008-1 to establish the Lake Restoration Fund was introduced. It is a segregated, non-lapsable fund that can consist of: Funds appropriated or transferred to the Fund in the Annual Budget, or funds received from the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers, The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Rock County, Jefferson County, or other units of government bettering the condition of Lake Koshkonong and the Rock River. Any gifts or grants made to the District and all investment income of the Fund. The monies in the Fund may be expended by the Board of Commissioners for capital costs associated with the construction, management, acquisition, and operation of islands and/or break walls in Lake Koshkonong. A vote will be taken later in this meeting.

5. Special Guests – Flood Recovery

Special guests Donna Haugom - Jefferson County Emergency Management Director and Shirley Connors – Rock County Emergency Management Director were introduced. They each gave a presentation about the help available to flood victims. They also had many handouts and information pamphlets available. They answered several questions from members of the audience.

6. Operational Report

A. Hydrology - Rob Montgomery, Montgomery Associates.

Rob gave a slide presentation of the flooding history of Lake Koshkonong and the Rock River. He stated the flood of 2008 was due to heavy rainfall in our watershed. These types of storms can never be predicted, but seem to be more severe and frequent in the last several years. He showed slides of the floodwater stages from the last several years.

B. Steve Hjort – Senior Biologist ECO – Resource Consulting.

Steve gave a slide presentation and reported on the ecological implications of the flooding. It is very difficult to speculate since flooding of this magnitude has never happened. Surveys will be conducted when the water recedes to evaluate the damage. Some vegetation i.e., bogs were dislodged due to high water. He showed slides of many wetlands dating back to 2004. He explained the importance of protecting the shorelines with riprap.

Questions from the audience were answered.

7. Water Level Proceedings Report

A. Bill O'Connor, Wheeler Van Sickle & Anderson S.C.

Bill gave a summary of the case to this point. A decision on the appeal should be made during the first half of 2009. The decision can be appealed to the Supreme Court of the State of Wisconsin. The appeal must be filed within 30 days of the decision and would take approximately 8 – 9 months

B. Art Harrington, Godfrey & Kahn

Regarding the contested case hearing, Art gave an overview of the economic interest involved. In summary, the judge in the latest decision did not consider all economic interest of business and citizens, and impacts on tourism.

Chairman Christianson recognized the RKLD legal defense team for their excellent presentations at the contested case hearing and past annual meetings

5. Presentation of the Proposed 2009 Annual Budget

Treasurer Ray Lunder reviewed the results of fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, and presented the proposed budget for 2009 as posted in the Annual Newsletter.

Chairman Christianson reviewed the Lake Restoration Fund Resolution – A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Lake Restoration Fund Resolution. On a show of voting cards, the motion was passed.

It was noted that the 2009 proposed assessment has been reduced to \$40.00 per parcel down from \$45.00 per parcel. A motion and a second were made from the floor to revise the budget to reflect a \$41.00 per parcel with the additional \$1.00 sent to the Shoreline Restoration Fund. The amount to the charitable fund should be approximately \$4,000. On a show of voting cards, the motion passed.

After a brief discussion, a motion and second was made from the floor to adopt the 2009 Budget as amended by the RKLD. On a show of cards vote, the motion passed.

10. Election of (2) Commissioners to Serve Terms expiring in 2011. (Jeff Folk and Frank Micale)

Nominees are:

1. Jeff Folk
2. Frank Micale
3. Steve Proud

No nominees were made from the floor. Each nominee gave a short statement and presentation on their qualifications.

While waiting for the ballot calculations, there were questions from the floor whether any boat launches were open. It was determined all ramps were closed until further notice. The no-wake restriction should be lifted in approximately a week. There was also an inquiry regarding whether e-coli was present in the water. No final determination was given. It was suggested that samples be taken.

11. Balloting was done by collecting all the vote cards from all the voting members of the RKLD that were present. Election results were as follows:

Jeff Folk	120 votes
Frank Micale	76 votes
Steve Proud	59 votes

Jeff Folk and Frank Micale will remain as Commissioners. Chairman Christianson congratulated the Commissioners

12. Adjourn - A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the annual Lake District meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Immediately following the meeting, the board convened for a brief meeting to elect the board positions.

A motion was made to appoint Brian Christianson to the Chairman position. This motion was seconded and passed. Brian Christianson will continue on as the Chairman of the Board.

A motion was made to appoint Ray Lunder to the Treasurer position. This motion was seconded and passed. Ray will continue as Treasurer of the Board.

A motion was made to appoint Ed Sandner to the Secretary position. This motion was seconded and passed. Ed will continue as Secretary of the Board.

This meeting was adjourned after the board appointments.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Sandner Secretary
Rock-Koshkonong Lake District