

ROCK KOSHKONONG LAKE DISTRICT

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Candidates for RKLD Board of Commissioners

Please vote for 2 candidates. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor

JEFF FOLK ❖ **FRANK MICALE** ❖ **STEVE PROUD**

*See www.RKLD.org for bio information

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RKLD

Elected Board of Commissioners

BRIAN CHRISTIANSON

Elected/Chairman
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 Term expires August, 2009

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Elected/Treasurer
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 Term expires August, 2007

ED SANDNER

Elected/Secretary
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JEFF FOLK

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FRANK MICALE

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DAVE BROWN

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Mother Nature Brings Record Rain, Record Snow and Record Rain Again To Lake Koshkonong

August 23, 2007

Janesville Gazette

August will go into the books as the wettest month

Fifty years of weather records show this August has been the wettest month in local history. And we've still got eight days to go.

February 12, 2008

The WI State Journal

It's Official: Snowfall Breaks Record

It is only the third time ever the state will receive federal funds for snowfall. Spring is 38 days away.

March 31, 2008

Janesville Gazette

Rains raise flood fears

Wooo hoooo! It's not snowing. But now we've got new problems

June 25, 2008

Daily Jefferson County Union

What a disaster!

They didn't continue for 40 days and 40 nights, but the rainstorms that pounded Jefferson County and led to record flooding seemed at the time to be of biblical proportions. As we watched the Rock, Bark and Crawfish rivers surge, we were amazed to have witnessed two high water levels in the same year. As the days went on, that amazement grew to shock as the latter flood rose toward 100- and 500-year highs.

TO ALL ELECTORS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE DISTRICT

Please take notice that the 2008 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

9:00 a.m.
Saturday, August 2, 2008

to consider the following matters.



ROCK-KOSHKONONG LAKE DISTRICT NOTICE AND AGENDA

for the 2008 Annual Meeting

~ AGENDA ~

- Call to order
- Minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting
- Annual Audit Report of 2007 (Audit Committee)
- Chairman's Report (Brian Christianson, RKLD)
- Special Guests - Flood Recovery
 - Donna Haugom - Jefferson County Emergency Management Director
 - Shirley Connors - Rock County Emergency Management Director
- Operational Report
 - Hydrology - Rob Montgomery, Montgomery Associates
- Water Level Proceedings Report
 - Bill O'Connor, Wheeler Van Sickle & Anderson S.C.
 - Art Harrington, Godfrey & Kahn
- Presentation of the Proposed 2009 Annual Budget and Resolution
- Consideration and Vote on the Proposed 2009 Annual Budget and Resolution
- Election of (2) Commissioners to Serve Term expiring in 2011

Nominees:

 - Jeff Folk
 - Frank Micale
 - Steve Proud

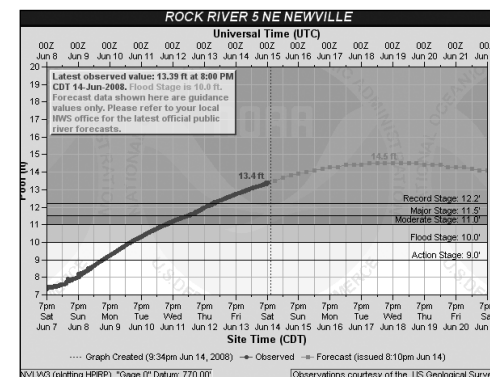
Nominations may also be made from the floor. Brief statements from nominees
- Balloting
- Adjourn
 - The Board shall meet immediately following the annual meeting to elect a chairperson, secretary and treasurer.

HISTORY OF THE RKLD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT — PER PARCEL

1999	\$25.00
2000	\$25.00
2001	\$25.00
2002	\$35.00
2003	\$25.00
2004	\$45.00
2005	\$50.00
2006	\$100.00
2007	\$45.00
2008	\$40.00

(proposed)

The Great Flood Begins...



BUDGET SUMMARY, PROPOSED TOTAL BUDGET ROCK-KOSHKONONG LAKE DISTRICT

2008 BUDGET

for 2009 Calendar Year Operations

CATEGORY	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	2009 PROPOSED	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
REVENUES					
a) Taxes					
b) Special Assessments					
Special Charges*	\$ 426,400	\$ 180,000	\$ 160,000	\$ (20,000)	-11.11%
c) Intergovernmental Revenues					
Planning Grant	-	-	-	-	-
d) Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	-	-
e) Fines/Forfeitures/Penalties	-	-	-	-	-
f) Public Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-
g) Intergovernmental Charges	-	-	-	-	-
h) Miscellaneous Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
i) Other Financing Sources	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 426,400	\$ 180,000	\$ 160,000	\$ (20,000)	-11.11%

* A special charge shall be imposed in the amount of \$40.00 (The approved special charge for 2008 was \$45) on each separately billed, non-exempt parcel within the District, except that a single special charge shall be imposed on parcels within the District which are zoned and used for agricultural purposes and held in common ownership.

EXPENDITURES					
I. CAPITAL COSTS					
	-	-	-	-	0.00%
II. COST OF OPERATIONS					
a) General Government					
Office Supplies	\$ 4,775	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000	25.00%
Rent/Utilities	1,773	1,700	2,000	300	17.65%
Wages	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	5,040	3,500	5,000	1,500	42.86%
Printing	865	3,060	1,300	(1,760)	-57.52%
Professional Fees					
Accounting	600	600	600	-	0.00%
Consulting	1,721	19,040	10,000	(9,040)	-47.48%
Legal	3,236	52,000	40,000	(12,000)	-23.08%
Legal & Accounting*	-	-	-	-	-
Public Information	2,227	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%
Indianford Maintenance	25,081.00	30,000	30,000	-	0.00%
Engineering	-	10,000	10,000	-	-
Water Level Proceedings (Legal, Accounting and Consulting)	224,099	50,000	50,000	-	-0.00%
DNR Grant					
Other	69	700	700	-	0.00%
Dues/Fees	478	400	400	-	0.00%
Total General Government	<u>\$ 269,964</u>	<u>\$ 180,000</u>	<u>\$ 160,000</u>	<u>\$ (20,000)</u>	<u>-11.11%</u>
b) Public Safety	-	-	-	-	0.00%
c) Public Works	-	-	-	-	0.00%
d) Health & Human Services	-	-	-	-	0.00%
e) Culture, Recreation, Education	-	-	-	-	0.00%
f) Conservation and Development	-	-	-	-	0.00%
g) Debt Servicing	-	-	-	-	0.00%
h) Other Financing Uses	-	-	-	-	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 269,964	\$ 180,000	\$ 160,000	\$ (20,000)	-11.11%
	Fund	Fund	Revenues	Expenditures	Fund
All Governmental and Proprietary Funds Combined	Balance 1/1/2007	Transfer			Balance 12/31/2007
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Indianford Dam Fund (Nonlapsible)	242,529	-	60,000	49,238	259,974
Total	<u>\$ 242,529</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 60,000</u>	<u>\$ 49,238</u>	<u>\$ 259,974</u>

* Legal & Accounting has been separated for the 2009 Budget

The Janesville Gazette, May 22, 2008

OUR VIEWS

Koshkonong lake district should appeal

We've had a change of heart.

Two years ago, an administrative law judge sided with the state Department of Natural Resources and ruled that raising the level of Lake Koshkonong 7 inches in summer and eliminating winter drawdowns were not in the public interest. We then urged both sides to put this longrunning dispute behind them, move on and work together.

But since Rock County Judge Daniel Dillon again upheld that decision May 9, we've decided to urge the Rock Koshkonong Lake District and supporters of higher water to appeal. Here's why.

First, Brian Christianson, the lake district's chairman, quickly heard

Editorial from
The Edgerton Reporter, July 2, 2008

Decide how to help

There are a number of options available for those that wish to donate money, food or time to help the flood victims. It is important to match how you want to help with the agency or fund that reflects your intent.

United Way is looking for people to sign up as volunteers. Julie Cunningham, 608-757-3058 is coordinating this effort. There is also a United Way fund being set up called "Rock County United Ways' Long-term Flood Recovery Fund."

John Kinnett, owner of the Anchor Inn, is also coordinating volunteer efforts and is overseeing the "Newville Disaster Relief Fund."

from many residents that they want the district to appeal. About one-third said keep fighting; about one-third want the district to move on, and the final third were undecided, he told the Gazette.

Second, the district has already sunk up to \$500,000 into the legal battle, and an appeal would cost little more because there are no oral arguments in an appellate court.

Third, Dillon said the court must sustain the DNR's reasonable statutory interpretation, "even if the court believes that another interpretation is equally reasonable or even more reasonable than that of the DNR." Was Dillon suggesting the DNR is being unreasonable? Christianson says Dillon's views seem to leave the door open for an appeal.

Finally, and perhaps most important, if the district doesn't appeal—and it's meeting at 6:30 tonight to discuss it—advocates of higher water will never be able to put their

Contributions will be distributed to those in need by local organizers, not the Red Cross as previously reported. This is because the Red Cross donations can't be designated for a local area. The Red Cross fund is called "Wisconsin Floods" and it helps victims across the state.

Central Lutheran Church has set up Flood Buckets. Approximately \$45 worth of cleaning supplies are placed in a five gallon bucket to assist victims. Donations can be made at the church. The church is also coordinating volunteers. Other churches are in the process of helping those in their congregations.

Best Realty is accepting food donations for the Newville Food Pantry. Donations of food are also being accepted at Edgerton

frustrations to rest and will always wonder what might have been.

This battle has raged at least since 1979 and continues to pit neighbor against neighbor. The DNR has on its side those who enjoy duck hunting and fear damage to wetlands and other waterfowl habitat. Residents and business owners who want more water will never be satisfied if the district abandons the fight now. Homeowners on a shallow lake that's a Rock River flowage backed up by the Indianford Dam gaze at docks on dry land and wish they could use their boats. They wonder why they must pay high property taxes for waterfront land on a lake they can't always enjoy. Businesses bemoan the loss of revenue from summer residents who stay away when water is low.

We only hope that when the legal process is exhausted, the two sides haven't become so bitter that they can't set sail together on other projects to enhance the lake. ❖

Community Outreach and Edgerton Public Library.

A fund and benefit is being planned for August 16 at Fins Bar and Grill. Organizers are looking for volunteers and donations. Those interested in helping may call Sue and Pat Hagan, 884-0346.

Blackhawk Credit Union is accepting donations at all of their locations. All contributions will be given to the South Central Chapter of the Red Cross.

Are there others? Probably. The point is this—there are many avenues in which to offer help. How to choose? One is not better than another. You decide which one is for you. All of these outlets are making a difference and your help is needed and appreciated. Thank you. ❖