

# Rock Koshkonong Lake District 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes

*DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY ELECTORS AT  
2013 Annual Meeting*

Date: July 28, 2012  
Location: Fort Atkinson High School  
926 Lexington Street, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin  
Present: Brian Christianson, Ray Lunder, Steve Proud, Jim Bowers, Andy Walton and Ed Sandner  
Absent: Mary Mawhinney

1. Call to Order. 9:07 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 ballot card.
    2. State your name and address in the District.

He announced the public notice of the meeting was legally posted.  
Chairman Christianson at this time introduced the Board of Commissioners and thanked them, along with the volunteers for their work during the registration process. He also thanked Tall Grass Restoration for allowing the RKLD to hold their meetings there.
2. Approve 2012 Annual Meeting Agenda – A motion was made and seconded to approve the presented 2012 meeting agenda. On a voice vote, the motion passed.
  - A. Minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting

Secretary Ed Sandner presented the minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting. Chairman Christianson asked for any corrections or additions, there being none, a motion to approve the 2011 Annual Meeting minutes was made, seconded and approved.
3. Chairman's Report on District Activities Since 2011

At this time, Chairman Christianson introduced the guests and topics to be covered at today's meeting.  
The operating budget and funds in various Lake District accounts were discussed. The Lake District has retained Summit Accounting Group of Janesville, Wisconsin to prepare the reporting and final budget figures for 2013. Chairman Christianson explained the experimental project to dredge an area of approximately 200 feet by 200 feet near the north shore of Lake Koshkonong. This project will also include protecting the shoreline near Mud Lake. Other future projects may include marking hazards in the waters of the lake and river, also repairing, dredging and protecting public boat landings in the District.  
Chairman Christianson also mentioned the legal proceedings will be ending soon and the RKLD will need to re-direct its efforts and funding to projects improving the lake and river.  
The hydropower generation at the dam at Indianford was discussed. A study was completed to investigate the feasibility of rebuilding the powerhouse and selling power from the Indianford Dam. The price paid per kilowatt has recently declined and the power companies are not purchasing power at this time. Changes will need to be made in the government policy to make generation and sale of power at the Indianford Dam feasible. He also explained the special charge for 2013, recommending a fee of \$40.00 per parcel for this coming year.

4. Treasurer's Report of 2012

A. Annual Audit Report of 2011

Ray Lunder stated after review of the Rock Koshkonong Lake District finances by Summit Accounting Group, a letter was received from the accounting group and all was found to be in proper order. No motion was needed at this time.

Treasurer Ray Lunder gave a brief report as follows. The complete Budget Summary was distributed in the Annual Newsletter.

Total Revenues	\$ 254,189
Total Expenditures	54,969

All Governmental and Proprietary Funds Combined as of 12/31/2011

Lake Improvement Fund	178,726
Indianford Dam Fund	567,217

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer Report by Tom Kelly, seconded by John Malloy. On a show of voting cards, the motion was approved.

5. Water Level Proceedings Report

Wisconsin State Supreme Court Proceedings - Bill O'Connor, from Wheeler Van Sickle & Anderson S.C reported the State Supreme Court would be hearing oral arguments on Wednesday, September 15, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. Bill stated that the laws regarding dam regulation in Wisconsin are generally over 100 years old. The upcoming Supreme Court decision should clarify a 1915 law in regards to using economic interests when establishing the water levels in dams and impoundments. This decision will affect all of the approximately 1100 existing dams in the state of Wisconsin. He also stated several other parties have joined the RKLK as friends of the court in the proceedings. It is hoped that a decision can be made during the coming year.

Chairman Christianson thanked all the Associations that have joined the RKLK in support of higher water levels.

6. Operational Report

a. Lake Management Planning & Permitting

Rob Montgomery, (Montgomery Associates, Resource Solutions, LLC) presented a slide show and recommendations on proposed projects. He also stated the RKLK has very good rapport with the DNR at this time. The DNR has been very helpful in permitting the PAS project. He presented a graph of the past water levels and described spring flooding and high water levels. The present water levels have been similar to the levels of the earlier 2000's. A new gauge has been installed at Newville providing more accurate water level data. Several questions regarding the location of the gauge were addressed.

b. North Shore-Mud Lake Project – Rob described the details of the Mud Lake project and stated he has received a tremendous amount of cooperation from the Twin Island Gun Club. Project costs are estimated to be approximately \$250,000. Other projects Rob recommended were installing breakwaters to prevent erosion and allow dredging at several public boat landings.

Another project he discussed was reinforcing the south line of the Rock River entrance into Lake Koshkonong with riprap and fill to protect marsh areas.

He also discussed forming Associations to create marina's so access to specific neighborhoods could be improved by dredging. The DNR and the Army Corp of Engineers are establishing guidelines and permitting on projects that can be completed in the future, as funds are available without having to repeat the permitting process. The RKLD should also consider purchasing property adjacent to the powerhouse to improve and maintain the trash racks.

The RKLD may want to also consider assisting the DNR in the fish-stocking program and promote good water quality entering the river and lake from the north.

Rob addressed and answered questions from the audience. Chairman Christianson thanked Rob for his presentation.

At this time, Chairman Christianson presented Frank Micale with a plaque in appreciation for his dedication as a founding Board Member of RKLD.

#### 7. Presentation of the Proposed 2013 Annual Budget

Treasurer Ray Lunder presented the proposed budget for 2013 as posted in the Annual Newsletter. Discussion followed.

#### 8. Consideration and Vote on proposed 2013 Annual Budget.

After a brief discussion, a motion and second was made from the floor to adopt the 2013 Budget as presented by the RKLD. On a show of cards vote, the motion passed.

#### 9. Election of (1) Commissioner to Serve Terms expiring in 2015.

Brian Christianson was introduced to the audience.

Nominee:

1. Brian Christianson

No nominations were made from the floor.

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:

1. Brian Christianson 75 votes

Brian Christian was elected to the Board of Commissioners with a term expiring in 2015. The Board congratulated Brian Christianson.

#### 10. Adjourn - A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the annual Lake District meeting at 10:40 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