

Rock Koshkonong Lake District
Meeting Minutes
Rock Koshkonong Lake District Board of Commissioners

Date: December 1, 2016
Location: Tallgrass Restoration - 3129 E County Road N, Milton, WI
Present: Brian Christianson, Ray Lunder, Steve Proud, Joan Heudepohl, Al Sweeney
Absent: Jim Bowers, Andy Walton
Guest: Rob Montgomery - Montgomery & Associates

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Christianson at 6:00 P.M.
2. Meeting Notice and Agenda - The Chair confirmed that the meeting notice and agenda had been legally posted in the Edgerton Reporter, Lake District web site and RKSD. A motion was made by Steve Proud and seconded by Al Sweeney to approve the agenda. The motion carried by a voice vote.
3. Introduction/Welcome of new Rock County Board Appointee, Supervisor Al Sweeney - At this point Chairman Christianson welcomed the new Rock County Board Appointee, Supervisor Al Sweeney. Even though Al was at the Annual Meeting there had not been a formal introduction. Christianson asked Supervisor Sweeney to say a few words. He is the District 2 Supervisor for Rock County starting his 6th term. Al is responsible for an extremely large geographic area. Al is also on the Rock County Conservation Department and is extremely active in many areas. Chairman Christianson welcomed Al to the Board.
4. Approval of June 9th and July 30th Meeting Minutes - The Board packet included the June 9th meeting minutes as well as the July 30th meeting minutes. The July 30th meeting occurred immediately after the Annual Meeting where we elect officers to the Board. A motion was made by Joan Heudepohl and seconded by Ray Lunder to approve the June 9th meeting minutes. This motion carried by a voice vote. Moving on the July 30th meeting minutes, a motion was made by Steve Proud and seconded by Joan Heudepohl to approve the July 30th meeting minutes. This carried by a voice vote.
5. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Lunder gave his report. A copy of his report is included.

Treasurers Report			
Meeting Date December 1, 2016			
Previous Meeting Date June 9, 2016			
Section I: Operations Checking FCB Milton			
	Deposits	Charges	Total
Beginning Checking Account, May 31, 2016 (1842)			\$34,959.99
June	\$29,960.00	\$1,973.05	
July	\$285.20	\$5,448.48	
August	\$807.52	\$177.47	
September	\$2,313.50	\$50,660.55	
October	\$0.00	\$197.51	
Totals from statements	\$33,366.22	\$58,457.06	-\$25,090.84
Checking Balance, Oct 31, 2016 (1842)			\$9,869.15
Section II: Lake Improvement Segregated Fund held at FCB Milton			
	Deposits	Charges	Total
Segregated Lake Improvement Fund Savings Account Balance May 31, 2016 (3406)			\$105,233.93
June	\$34.60	\$0.00	
July	\$33.45	\$0.00	
August	\$38.08	\$0.00	
September	\$34.64	\$0.00	
October	\$35.79	\$0.00	
Totals from statements	\$176.56	\$0.00	\$176.56
Total of Segregated Lake Improvement Fund Oct 31, 2016 held at FCB Milton (3406)			\$105,410.49
Section III, Dam Savings Segregated Fund held at FCB Milton			
	Deposits	Charges	Total
Dam Savings Account Balance May 31, 2016 held at FCB Milton (8428)			\$449,185.74
June	\$147.68	\$0.00	
July	\$142.80	\$0.00	
August	\$162.55	\$0.00	
September	\$147.83	\$0.00	
October	\$152.80	\$0.00	
Totals from statements	\$753.66	\$0.00	\$753.66
Total of Segregated Dam Fund Oct 31, 2016 held at BMO Harris (8428)			\$449,939.40

Section IV, Dam Savings Segregated Fund CD held at FCB Milton			
	Deposits	Charges	Total
Dam Savings CD Inception date January 19, 2016 held at FCB Milton (98-1)			\$225,000.00
Total Dam Savings CD Oct 31, 2016 held at FCB Milton (98-1). Matures July 19, 2017			\$227,546.83
Total all Segregated Dam Fund Oct 31, 2016 FCB Milton			\$677,486.23
Section V, Grand Total All Funds FCB Milton			
Total of All Funds FCB Milton, Oct 31, 2016			\$792,765.87

Lunder went on to say that he was going to start “laddering CD’s” with the segregated dam savings account every 12-18 months so they will mature every 6 months in case these funds are needed and also in an effort to obtain maximum interest. The Chair then confirmed that the checking account had a balance of \$9,869 at this time. Besides 2 incidental invoices that need to be paid by year end we also have 2 big bills that need to be paid. The big bills are to the attorney’s and the Chair suggested that we borrow against the segregated lake improvement fund that currently has over \$105, 000 in the account. The outstanding invoices are for \$71,700 and are attributed to legal fees for ongoing meetings with the DNR and wetland owners regarding the water level order settlement proposal. It was decided to move \$65,000 to pay the bills. Appointee Sweeney then asked how old these bills are and whether or not they contained any interest which they do not. The Chair explained that the smaller firms want to be paid in full by year end where the larger firms such as Godfrey and Kahn will allow balances to roll from calendar year to calendar year. Sweeney also asked if there was a policy in place for transfers like what is being proposed. The Chair explained that 9 times out of 10 all invoices are current and paid, however, in instances where we get hit with settlement offers; we need legal counsel for assistance. The Chair confirmed that a policy is not in place for transfers or payment of bills. He also explained how the invoice process is followed and asked Appointee Sweeney if he would like to draft a policy. The Chair also noted that all invoices over \$10,000 must have its own line item in the RKL D budget.

6. Old Business

- DNR Proposed Water Level Order - The Chair recently met with attorney O’Connor and lobbyist Bob Fassbender who has been communicating with DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp, informing her that there have been no drafts on what the new order will look like. There is nothing to be presented to the Board or public on this matter at this time.
- RFP for Dam Maintenance Subcontractor - A copy of the RFP was included in the Board packet. The chair indicated that the RFP was supposed to be published in the November 16th and November 23rd edition of the Edgerton Reporter. They have yet to be published and Christianson is following up with the paper. The Chair indicated that he may have to go to the Janesville Gazette to get the RFP published. The District has hired a temporary person to go to the dam to clean the racks. The District does not know if he will respond to the RFP. The terms are the same as the previous contractor. Prior to hiring, The Chair checked with our insurance carriers to insure that he was covered, which he is. Appointee Sweeney expressed concern about some of the language in the RFP. The Chair confirmed that the language came from legal counsel.

- Future Projects - Oxbow Canal - There were several people in the audience from the Oxbow Canal area. The Chair started this session by indicating that Dave Jackowski from the Oxbow area had invited members of the Board along with Rob Montgomery to view the canal earlier in the fall regarding the amount of sediment in the canal. Rob had concluded that a dredging project would probably be the easiest to clear out that area. Rob also discussed the sediment that flows back and forth where the canal meets the lake and the potential benefit of a jetty in that area. Dave Jackowski had asked the Lake District if we would partner with the neighborhood association to try and find a resolution to the issue. The Chair said that if the district was to get involved, we would want to do something once and do it the right way. Christianson indicated the discussion had been held about opening up the south end of the canal. Christianson was concerned about how and where property lines come in to play and that he had spoken with Ron Combs a local surveyor. Ron had indicated that he would prefer to come out in the winter when everything was frozen and he could walk around and put markers out. It would be the responsibility of the property owners to get "quick claim deeds" prior to any work being done. The cost for the preliminary work to be done by Ron Combs was around \$3,000 and the Chair indicated the neighborhood association would have to be responsible for that work and if we could get to that point the district could potentially look at a project. Concern was expressed about the ability to get the necessary quick claim deeds. The Chair expressed concern about the proper time of the year to get things done in the canal.

Other future projects that the Board will review upon completion of the water level order would be more public access to the lake. Possible improvements to the launch by Norms or other areas around the lake would be of interest to the Board. Rebuilding the mouth of the river is another project of interest to the Board. The Chair also discussed the DNR property off Ellendale Road that has not been used since the DNR moved to their facility in Janesville. The Chair would like to make that facility a larger public boat launch. It is the hope of the Lake District that the DNR would be more willing to work with us on projects like this.

7. New Business -

- Indianford Dam Gate Modifications - In an effort to avoid all the problems with keeping the trash racks clean, The District is evaluating the feasibility of removing the trash racks from the power house and replace them with slide gates. This discussion came up because the wetland owners do not believe the Lake District when the District says the trash racks are open because they cannot physically see water going through the racks. The District has had multiple talks with The Morse Group of Beloit about ways to automate cleaning the racks. A system like this would be very expensive and Morse Group suggested removing the wicket gates and trash racks and letting water flow through the power house and installing slide gates. Gates that could potentially be operated remotely. Since the District has studied and rejected the feasibility to create power at the dam, fabricating slide gates may be an option. Costs have yet to be determined on this project. At this time, Rob went over a technical explanation on how this process might work. It is possible that grant money may be available to help defer the costs.

8. Public Participation - There was no public participation.

9. Adjourn - A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.