

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

Date: March 2, 2017
Location: Tallgrass Restoration - 3129 E County Road N, Milton, WI
Present: Brian Christianson, Ray Lunder, Jim Bowers, Andy Walton, Al Sweeney, Steve Proud
Absent: Joan Heudepohl

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 at the 5 town halls, Lake District web site and RKSD. A motion was made by Steve Proud and seconded by Jim Bowers to approve the agenda. The motion carried by a voice vote.
3. Meeting Minutes from December 1, 2016 - A motion was made by Al Sweeney and seconded by Steve Proud to approve the meeting minutes. The motion carried with a voice vote with Andy Walton and Jim Bowers abstaining.
4. Treasurer's report - A copy of the report is included.

Treasurers Report			
Meeting Date March 2, 2017			
Previous Meeting Date Dec 1, 2016			
Section I: Operations Checking FCB Milton (1842)			
	Deposits	Charges	Total
Beginning Checking Account, Oct 31, 2016 (1842)			\$9,869.15
Nov	\$2,326.71	\$343.18	
Dec	\$87,017.40	\$89,298.17	
Jan	\$19,532.60	\$1,858.01	
Totals from statements	\$108,876.71	\$91,499.36	\$17,377.35
Checking Balance, Jan 31, 2017 (1842)			\$27,246.50
Section II: Lake Improvement Segregated Fund held at FCB Milton (3406)			
	Deposits	Charges	Total
Segregated Lake Improvement Fund Savings Account Balance Oct 31, 2016 (3406)			\$105,410.49
Nov	\$34.66	\$0.00	
Dec	\$16.57	\$86,931.00	
Jan	\$6.49	\$0.00	
Totals from statements	\$57.72	\$86,931.00	-\$86,873.28
Total of Segregated Lake Improvement Fund Jan 31, 2017 held at FCB Milton (3406)			\$18,537.21
Section III, Dam Savings Segregated Fund held at FCB Milton (8428)			
	Deposits	Charges	Total
Dam Savings Account Balance Oct 31, 2016 held at FCB Milton (8428)			\$449,939.40
Nov	\$97.52	\$200,000.00	
Dec	\$82.20	\$0.00	
Jan	\$87.71	\$0.00	
Totals from statements	\$267.43	\$200,000.00	-\$199,732.57
Total of Segregated Dam Fund Jan 31, 2017 held at BMO Harris (8428)			\$250,206.83

Section IV, Dam Savings Segregated Fund CD held at FCB Milton (98-1)

	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			\$228,322.00

Section V, Dam Savings Segregated Fund CD held at FCB Milton (98-2)

	Deposits	Charges	Total
Dam Savings CD Inception date Nov 8, 2016 held at FCB Milton (98-2)			\$200,000.00
Total Dam Savings CD Oct 31, 2016 held at FCB Milton (98-2). Matures Feb 8, 2018			\$200,000.00
Total all Segregated Dam Fund Jan 31, 2017 FCB Milton			\$678,528.83

Section VI, Grand Total All Funds FCB Milton

Total of All Funds FCB Milton, Jan 31, 2017			\$724,312.54
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Appointee Sweeney asked about the charges of \$86,931 from December. Treasurer Lunder went on to explain that the District borrowed from the Segregated Lake Improvement Fund to pay outstanding obligations from 2016. The plan is to pay the money back to the Segregated Fund when monies for 2017 are received.

5. Old Business

- DNR Proposed Water Level Order - The Chair reported that Attorney O'Connor has been working with the DNR legal department; however, there is nothing to report at this time. There is no new water level order at this time. The Chair indicated the frustration of the RKLD as the new order is supposed to be effective in June of this year.
- RFP for Dam Maintenance Subcontractor - The RFP was posted twice without a single inquiry. As a result, Todd Westby, who had been acting as a temporary maintenance subcontractor has been hired full time by RKLD at the same rate of pay as the previous subcontractor. The Chair confirmed that the Lake District insurance policy covers our dam subcontractor. Andy Walton asked about the buoys remaining in the water over the winter. The Chair responded that the old dam subcontractor used to pull the buoys out of the water for the winter months, however, the DNR confirmed that this was not required and the District as an experiment left the buoys in the water and saved on the expense. Todd Westby has reported to the Chairman that there was neither ice buildup nor debris stuck in the buoys and the District is going to play this year by year. Christianson went on to say that the only area he heard about with ice issues over the winter was in Newville with all the DOT equipment and manmade islands they built for the I-90 road expansion.
- Oxbow Canal Project - The Chair distributed a letter/proposal from Ron Combs of Combs & Associates that had been signed by Dave Schaller who is representing the Oxbow Canal residents. This proposal is for Combs & Associates to perform the survey process of all the properties that are contiguous to the canal. The objective of this is to dig that canal all the way through the way it was many years ago and make this a clean pass through. Property owners would then rip-rap their shorelines so the same problem would not reoccur. The Chair went on to say that nothing is finalized as Combs has not completed his work and issued his report. Appointee Sweeney had several questions regarding the length of the respective properties and if an agreement is in place where the landowners would agree to rip-rap their property. Christianson responded that no agreement is in place; however, it is the hope to get an expedited permit from the DNR to rip-rap these properties. The Oxbow Canal residents are paying for the survey, RKLD would pay for the sediment removal. Christianson also pointed out that if there are issues with the survey and the neighborhood association cannot obtain a quit claim deed than all bets are off.
- At this time Bill Burlingame who was representing the Glass family indicated that the Glass family would never give anyone a quit claim deed to that land. Dave Schaller then spoke and indicated that this project is in its infancy stages and the parties would get back together after the survey was complete. At this time, the survey has yet to be scheduled.
- Indianford Dam Gate Modifications - Christianson reviewed the history of this project. Since power will never be generated at the dam, RKLD talked with the DNR about monies that might be available for changes to the powerhouse. There is a Municipal Dam Grant that had a deadline of January 21, 2016 which was prior to when discussions started. The new deadline is January, 2018 and this allows RKLD to put bids and cost projections together. Since the December RKLD meeting, Christianson has had several meeting with JP Cullen and Morse Group of Beloit on a project to pull the wicket gates out of the pits and pull the trash racks off the building and fabricate slide gates. This would allow passersby to physically see the gates in the up position eliminating questions about the gates. The gates would be saved if for some reason there is the possibility of generating power at the dam. Morse Group feels this process can be automated whereby gates can be operated a smart phone. The initial quote was \$125,000 to remove the wicket gates and trash racks and \$125,000 to fabricate

the slide gates. The Chair felt the initial costs were high and RKL D is in negotiation to see if the costs can be lowered.

6. New Business -

- 2017 Bark River Fish Hatchery Banquet - Scheduled for April 1, 2017 at Anchor Inn. Commissioner Bowers reported that the event was mostly sold out and the banquet is now self-sufficient and can fund itself.
- Kudos to Adam Walton for his participation in this worthy event.

7. Public Participation - Frank Boucek representing the Mallwood Homeowner Board asked the District if the District was aware of plans for a "batch plant" to be located off Hillside Rd by the hunt club. The Mallwood homeowners are concerned about this plant which would be for the I-90 construction project and its potential impact to the lake. Chairman Christianson said he had seen a notice of this in the Town of Albion public meeting notice. Christianson asked Frank to attend the meeting and report back to the District. Bill Burlingame asked the District if they would be interested in buoys that Koshkonong Township has in its possession. Commissioner Bowers said he would be responsible for picking up the buoys to mark the mouth of the river.

8. Adjourn - A motion was made by Steve Proud and seconded by Al Sweeney to adjourn the meeting. This carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.