

Rock Koshkonong Lake District Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Rock-Koshkonong Lake District

Date: March 10, 2003

Attendees: Jim Folk, Ray Lunder, Jerry Richardson, Frank Micale, and Steve Hjort

Also, about 30-40 observers

1. Call to Order. 6:35
 - a. Approval of the minutes from February 3, 2003
 - i. Ray made a motion, Second by Jerry to accept the minutes.
 - b. Treasurers Report.
 - i. Ray made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Second by Jerry.
2. Update on wetland restoration grants and vote on resolutions for each.
 - a. 9 of the 11 grants have been approved. The two that have not been approved don't require rip rapping and that the nature of their work needs to be done in the summer as a possible cause for the DNR not approving them as today but we expect them to be approved in the near future.
3. Report on progress on meetings with the DNR on water levels.
 - a. Both meetings have taken place and were completed in February, 2003. The first meeting was a tour of the lake, the second meeting was a facilitated meeting of experts from the DNR and the Lake District.
 - b. After the meetings a discussion ensued about whether the turtles were affected. In fact it was proved there have been numerous turtles photographed that are dead on the shorelines and wetlands.
 - c. Linn Duesterbeck took the floor to talk about the meetings. He had pictures and asked why they were not on the website. The answer was that the district had never received the pictures. As far as water levels go, Linn stated he wanted the water levels and orders to remain just as they are. Linn didn't want any formal change to the water levels until certain biological studies have been done. Jim explained that nothing has been requested, and wouldn't until we have completed all of our studies. At the end of this discussion, it was stated that the Lake District would continue to work with the DNR on a fact finding mission, studying all aspects of the lake and river system. If at anytime in the future the district feels the DNR isn't working with us, and continues to disregard our studies we present them, the district will take the necessary action and that the vote at our 2002 annual meeting has already given the board the authority to request a change in operating orders.

4. Vote of extension of contract with Rock County for dam repairs.
 - a. The amendment to approve an extension for the dam repairs was read by Ray. Jerry made a motion to grant the extension, Frank seconded the motion.

5. Any appropriate new business to come before the board.
 - a. Bob Krohn asked to talk about boat patrols and enforcement along the river, south of the train track where he lives. He has witnessed large speed boats traveling at unsafe speeds frequently, and has asked how the district can assist to enforce this and eliminate this potential safety hazard.
 - b. We informed him that it is the responsibility of the boat to patrols, to enforce, and write tickets for these incidents. We have mentioned before that the Lake District can support the efforts of the officers, but don't want to enter into the police business. An analogy was made with people speeding in cars in front of your house. Tax payer money is already paying for police to patrol the area, and they can be contacted to watch over an area more closely if necessary. If they see the law being broken, they can then write tickets or make arrests. We as a district don't feel we should put in extra money to police a resource that we are already paying for on our real estate taxes.
 - c. We have in the past invited law enforcement to our meetings to express our concerns first hand, and will invite them again this spring. This will be published on the website as to who and when they can attend. We can also write a letter on behalf of the Lake District, expressing our concerns of the safety issue on the river.

6. Adjourn.
 - a. A motion was made by Frank, and seconded by Jerry to adjourn.
 - b. 7:50 p.m.

Ray Lunder Secretary
Rock-Koshkonong Lake District