

Rock Koshkonong Lake District

Meeting Minutes

Rock Koshkonong Lake District Board of Commissioners

Date: June 6, 2013
Location: Tallgrass Restoration – 3129 E County Road N, Milton, WI
Present: Brian Christianson, Ray Lunder, Jim Bowers, Andy Walton, Steve Proud, Joan Huedepohl, Mary Mawhinney
Guest: Rob Montgomery – Montgomery Associates

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Christianson at 6:03 P.M.
2. Meeting notice and agenda – The Chair confirmed that the meeting notice and agenda had been legally posted on the RKLD web site prior to the meeting along with Weekly newspapers and the Sanitary District and the five townships within the Lake District. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Steve Proud and seconded by Mary Mawhinney.

The motion was approved by a voice vote.

3. Approval of May 16th, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes – The Chairman noted that there was a correction to the treasurer’s report and for the first time we have included an appendix to the meeting minutes to include the corrected version of the Treasurer’s report. The Chairman also noted that he had added letters to our Board packets from the Town of Milton dated January 14th, Town of Albion dated February 5th and Axley Brynelson law firm dated April 17th. The Chair noted that these had been given to the Board at the May 16th meeting but he wanted to include these in case we had to prepare for litigation or negotiation. The Chair went on to note that in the Board’s packet was his response to Axley Brynelson, a letter from legal counsel to the Town of Fulton that outlines the state statute of the responsibilities of the Lake District. **Everything noted in the legal counsel’s letter to the Town of Fulton is exactly how we run business on the Lake District.** The board packet also included letters from Snyder and Associates regarding the pre and post inspection of North Shore Road as well as a photo from last month and also copies of 2 emails from Badgerland Excavating explaining why the Lake District should not be negligible for any road damage. A memo to the Town of Sumner signed by the Chairman whereby the RKLD would contribute \$2,500 for the road repairs to North Shore Road was also in the Board packet. Commissioner Walton wanted to make a comment on Item # 9 of the minutes regarding the Town of Sumner dispute and that he voted against that motion and that was not included in the minutes. Commissioner Walton asked that his vote against the settlement amount be

included in the minutes. It was agreed that an amendment would be made to that section of the meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Ray Lunder and seconded by Andy Walton to accept the amended meeting minutes. This was carried by a voice vote.

4. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Lunder gave the Treasurer's report. In previous minutes balances were included for all accounts. The Chairman asked if we couldn't fold the entire Treasurer's report in the minutes by citing that more is better.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Jim Bowers and seconded by Joan Huedepohl and was carried by a voice vote.

Treasurers Report

Meeting Date June 6, 2013

Previous Meeting Date May 14,
2013

Section I, Operations Checking

	Deposits	Charges	Total
Beginning Checking Account, April 30, 2013 (7761)			\$90,283.36
Monthly Activity			
May	\$406.16	\$7,200.22	
Totals from statements	\$406.16	\$7,200.22	-\$6,794.06
Checking Balance, May 31, 2013 (7761)			\$83,489.30

Section II, Operations Savings

	Deposits	Charges	Total
Beginning Interest Savings Acct April 30, 2013 (4680)			\$4,941.83
May	\$0.21	\$15.00	
Totals from statements	\$0.21	\$15.00	-\$14.79
Savings Balance May 31, 2013			\$4,927.04

**Total of checking and Savings May 31, 2013
(4680)**

\$88,416.34

Section III, Dam Savings Transactional

	Deposits	Charges	Total
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Dam Savings Account Balance April 30, 2013 held at M&I Bank (2293)			\$70,148.09
May	\$5.96	\$0.00	
Totals from statements	\$5.96	\$0.00	\$5.96

Total of Segregated Dam Fund May 31, 2013 held at M&I Bank (2293) \$70,154.05

Section IV, Dam Savings MM M&I Bank

	Deposits	Charges	Total
Dam Savings MM1 Account Balance April 30, 2013 held at M&I Bank (2407)			\$354,645.50
May	\$30.12	\$0.00	
Totals from statements	\$30.12	\$0.00	\$30.12

Total of Segregated Dam Fund May 31, 2013 held at M&I Bank (2407) \$354,675.62

Section V, Dam Savings MM M&I FSB

	Deposits	Charges	Total
Dam Savings MM2 Account Balance April 30, 2013 held at M&I Bank FSB (9826)			\$243,680.00
May	\$20.70	\$0.00	
Totals from statements	\$20.70	\$0.00	\$20.70

Total of Segregated Dam Fund May 31, 2013 held at M&I Bank FSB (9826) \$243,700.70

Total all Segregated Dam Fund May 31, 2013 from all locations \$668,530.37

Section VI, Lake Improvement M&I

	Deposits	Charges	Total
Segregated Lake Improvement Fund Savings Account Balance April 30, 2013 held at M&I (9295)			\$50,337.87
May	\$4.28	\$0.00	
Totals from statements	\$4.28	\$0.00	\$4.28

**Total of Segregated Lake Improvement
Fund May 31, 2013 held at M&I**

\$50,342.15

Section VII, Grand Total All Funds

Total of All Funds, April 30, 2013

\$807,288.86

5. Old Business –

- State Supreme Court decision – The Chair confirmed that the court has not yet issued their opinion.
- Status of Dredge Project – As previously reported, the construction is all complete and Tallgrass had generously given the District a bid for the restoration plantings of which the contract and specifications have all been worked out. The cost to the District is \$4,900. This covers the installation of the seed and maintenance for three years. When water levels go down this project will commence. Chairman Christianson executed the contract on behalf of the Lake District.
- IndianFord Dam Inspection – Process is starting with the DNR so that the structure can be inspected. Approval is also being sought from the DNR for installation of a coffer dam by the trash racks so the area can be de-watered and a decision can be made on what type of trash rack cleaning system can be installed. There was general discussion amongst the Board on various ideas on how in the future to divert debris and organic matter from the trash racks. We are trying to be pro-active as possible and be ready to move when low water permits. The Chairman asked Commissioner Bowers to be the point person for the Lake District on this matter, which he gladly accepted.
- Future Projects – The Board’s desire is to review and discuss several future projects that can be presented at the Annual Meeting. The Board wants projects that can be completed in a timely fashion and at an affordable cost. The first project discussed was navigation access at launch ramps. Rob indicated that there are a number of grant programs that the District could go after. One would be the Waterways Commission Grant. What the district would like to do is see if we can enhance the boat launch and navigation to get on to the lake. The potential of working with the county parks department at Dallman’s Landing was raised by Commissioner Mawhinney and perhaps making that a showcase was discussed by the Board. Collaboratively working the towns and respective county’s is a desire of the Board. Another item was expediting the rip-rapping of shore line areas. This item was the most talked about at the 3 public

meetings held two years ago as projects that the Lake District could review? Rob Montgomery indicated that the shoreline owners who want to fix erosion problems are working in a one off proposition of working with the DNR and could be directed inadvertently in multiple manners. People do not have a consistent experience. Is there a way we can work with the DNR to expedite the rip-rapping process? Can we make the process easier for shoreline restoration or standardize the permit approach? The Chair asked Rob if he could start dialogue with the DNR and be able to discuss this at the Annual Meeting. The third project discussed was mouth of river, DNR wetlands areas. What we could do is a combination of removal of navigational obstructions, put a break wall that would protect DNR wetlands that are wide open to destruction and in back of the protection would provide a location for potential dredge spoils. This could be a multi-agency effort between the RKLD, DNR and the town in terms of how it could come together. This project is defined in the PAS process and could be prioritized in terms of the planning process. It was felt that Vinnie Ha Ha would be a good place to start a project like this.

- Annual Meeting prep – We have confirmed and locked the date with the Fort Atkinson High School for August 10th. Registration at 8:30 and the program starting at 9. The Chair asked commissioner Proud to head up the process for the Annual Meeting. Commissioner Huedepohl will assist preparation for the Annual Meeting. It was asked by Commissioner Walton that the audit issue be discussed in the newsletter. The Board is already in discussions with Summit Financial to determine the most appropriate type of audit as well as the cost for such. A few blown audit conducted by Baker Tilley could cost **over \$50,000**. This is an audit on not only Lake District expenditures but making sure that every town has brought the proper amount of money to the Lake District. It is extremely important that the Scope of Work is clearly defined and people completely understand completely what is involved. The town clerk will have to go through their respective property tax rolls to insure they have properly accounted for. The Chair felt that the special charge being recommended at the Annual Meeting be listed as “x” in the budget and then a special line item be added for a possible audit. The Board agreed that this should generate a healthy discussion at the Annual Meeting and let the electors of the Lake District determine if spending the **extra** money on an audit makes sense.

6. New Business – Review proposed 2013 budget for FY 2014 – Treasurer Lunder presented the initial draft of the proposed budget for the FY 2014. The budget is very extensive and that is so the budget conforms to State Statutes. The columns are what we have to include in our budget. Treasurer Lunder then went reviewed the entire proposed budget and will need the rest of the Board’s help in determining the final proposed budget. The Chair proposed that the budget includes a charge of \$35 per parcel and then a special line item of \$10 per parcel for a proposed audit making the annual special charge \$45. At this

time, the cost of a proposed audit is not known. Therefore **if the electors do not wish to go forward with the audit, the special charge would be reduced this year to \$35 per parcel.** The Board went over the initial proposed budget and made changes so that the budget will match the proposed revenue depending on the special charge approved by the electors.

7. Public Participation – The Board agreed that having another meeting prior to the Annual Meeting would make sense. It was agreed that the next Board meeting be held on June 24th at 6:00 P.M. Frank Boucek suggested to the Board that any help that they can provide in providing more uniformity or what is required for someone who wants to repair or stop erosion should be a priority. It was noted that the shoreline zoning regulations are very difficult to interpret in the State of Wisconsin. Andy Walton wanted to review a copy of a response to the Town of Albion and also asked that the audit request be discussed at the next board meeting. Chairman Christianson asked that Commissioner Walton bring a copy of the special audit request to the next Board meeting.
8. Adjourn – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ray Lunder and seconded by Andy Walton. This was carried by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.