

Meeting Minutes

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

Date: June 11, 2002

Attendees: Jim Folk, Ray Lunder, Jerry Richardson, Frank Micale, Buck Sweeney,
and Kerry Hull

Steve Hjort

1. Call to Order. 6:33
 - a. Approval of the minutes from May 14, 2002.
 - i. Frank made a motion, Second by Ray.
 - b. Treasurers Report.
 - i. Buck made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Second by Ray.

2. Approval of agenda for the Annual meeting & budget.
 - a. A motion was made by Frank, seconded by Ray, to approve the newsletter and Agenda for the annual meeting.
 - b. An explanation of the budget numbers for the 2001 actual was given by Jerry. He said the special charges contained an amount for a grant that was received in 2001. He will call the accountant and verify this information. With that said, Ray made a motion to accept the budget, seconded by Frank.
 - c. Buck added to the motion for the board to have an audit of the books done in fiscal year 2003. The board decided they would take this under consideration after first determining how much the audit would cost.

3. Update on the hydrology study being conducted by Montgomery Associates.
 - a. The hydrology study that was presented to the Board at a prior monthly meeting is being supplemented with additional data and studies concerning environmental impact of the water flows. Steve will be doing most of this work.
 - b. Rob has meet with the USGS and the WDNR 3 additional times to confirm the results and formulas he is using in his model. Both agencies are very comfortable with the data and formulas Rob has been using, and agree with the results the data shows.
 - c. An issue surfaced about how the data in the model would differ if turbines were functioning at the wicket gates. The model shows the data wouldn't be significantly altered, and if anything, the turbines would create an effect of holding back the flow rather than possibly increasing it.
 - d. Rob will be completing and presenting a final report at our Annual Meeting on July 27, 2002.

4. Update on wetland restoration act.

- a. Jim reported that a one-time grant of \$10k/wetlandland owners would be issued for wetland restoration purposes. The district submitted the grant request on behalf of the landowners in that the landowners couldn't do this themselves. There was no cost to the district for submitting these requests.
5. Update on Dam and Lease agreement.
- a. The county is under contract to get the repairs done to the dam this summer.
 - b. Rock County is working to get the repairs done
 - c. Buck is going to call Bill O'Conner to determine if the county can get the bid process waived if the Lake District can do this for them. This would eliminate a lot of time and money to the county, and could get the repairs started at an expedited rate
 - d. Tom Reiss is still very interested in generating power at the dam. The advantage to the District is that he would incur the day-to-day costs in place of the District. This could result in a potential savings to the District of \$30K.
 - e. Reiss is also entertaining the idea of adding a 3rd wicket gate when the repairs to the dam are being made. He will hopefully be doing the repairs so that we can ensure we are getting quality repairs, and he can then design the 3rd gate to his specifications. This would result in one more turbine that he could operate.

6. Other Business.

- a. A revenue discussion was opened that centered on what we could do to get businesses and campgrounds to pay their fair share to the District. Right now, the District has made the decision to raise revenue based on a flat fee per parcel that exists in the Lake District. What this means for example is that Lakeland Campground has about 5 parcels, so they pay \$125/year for the entire campground that has several hundred individual sites.
- b. The district can raise money in two ways, either the flat fee via a special charge on the tax roll, or a fee based on a mill rate that is multiplied by the assessment on the property. If we went the mill rate option, there would be a fee of approximately \$42/\$100,000 of assessed value.
- c. Rather than trying to charge campground's an addition fee base on the number of permanent sites an idea was brought from the floor of creating an annual sticker that people could buy and display on either their car or boat. The sticker would say something to the affect of their support to the RKLD and preserving the Indianford Dam and the resources it provides. This would be a strictly voluntary effort and stickers could be sold at businesses and campgrounds year round for \$5/10?ea.
- d. The board will be looking into this idea, with a possible implementation date of calendar year 2003, and would run year round. Any monies received from the stickers would be accounted for in the fiscal year it was received. At the end of the fiscal year, based on the amount of money that was raised, the District would be in a position to adjust the amount of the annual special charge that could be offset by the revenue, less costs, of the sticker program.

7. Adjourn.

- a. A recommendation was made to cancel our regular monthly meeting in July in lieu of our Annual Meeting scheduled for July 27, 2002.
- b. A motion was made to adjourn by Buck, Second by Frank, 8:00.

Ray Lunder Secretary
Rock-Koshkonong Lake District