

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

Date: July 17, 2015  
Location: Tallgrass Restoration - 3129 E County Road N, Milton, WI  
Present: Brian Christianson, Ray Lunder, Steve Proud, Joan Huedepohl, Jim Bowers, Andy Walton  
Absent: Mary Mawhinney  
Guest: Frank Boucek - RKLK Audit Committee  
Marc Garlock - Ultimate Excavating  
Don Bush/Jim Furley - Bark River Fish Hatchery  
Debbie Hart - Annual Meeting Newsletter Artist

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Christianson at 6:02 P.M.
2. Meeting Notice and Agenda - The Chair confirmed that the meeting notice and agenda had been legally posted in the weekly newspapers, the Sanitary District and the RKLK web site.
3. Approval of June 25, 2015 Meeting Minutes - A copy of the meeting minutes was distributed to the attendees. The Chair asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing no objections a motion was made by Ray Lunder and seconded by Joan Huedepohl to approve the meeting minutes. The motion carried by a voice vote with Andy Walton respectfully abstaining due to his absence at the June meeting.
4. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Lunder presented the financial status of the Lake District. A copy of the report is included. Treasurer Lunder noted that there were no changes from the previous report as we did not have any activity in June.

<b>Treasurers Report</b>			
Meeting Date July 17, 2015			
Previous Meeting Date June 25, 2015			
<b>Section I, Operations Checking</b>			
	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Charges</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Beginning Checking Account, April 30, 2015 (7761)</b>			<b>\$129,393.54</b>
<b>Monthly Activity</b>			
May	\$9.78	\$16,685.90	
<b>Totals from statements</b>	<b>\$9.78</b>	<b>\$16,685.90</b>	<b>-\$16,676.12</b>
<b>Checking Balance, May 31, 2015 (7761)</b>			<b>\$112,717.42</b>
<b>Section II, Operations Savings</b>			
	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Charges</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Account closed Nov 2014(4680)</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Section III, Dam Savings Transactional</b>			
	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Charges</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Dam Savings Account Balance April 30, 2015 held at BMO Harris (2293)</b>			<b>\$70,288.53</b>
May	\$5.97	\$0.00	
<b>Totals from statements</b>	<b>\$5.97</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5.97</b>
<b>Total of Segregated Dam Fund May 31, 2015 held at BMO Harris (2293)</b>			<b>\$70,294.50</b>
<b>Section IV, Dam Savings MM BMO Harris</b>			
	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Charges</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Dam Savings MM1 Account Balance April 30, 2015 held at BMO Harris (2407)</b>			<b>\$405,422.87</b>
May	\$34.43	\$0.00	
<b>Totals from statements</b>	<b>\$34.43</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$34.43</b>
<b>Total of Segregated Dam Fund May 31, 2015 held at BMO Harris (2407)</b>			<b>\$405,457.30</b>

<b>Section V, Dam Savings MM BMO Harris</b>			
	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Charges</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Dam Savings MM2 Account Balance April 30, 2015 held at BMO Harris FSB (9826)</b>			<b>\$244,167.86</b>
May	\$20.74	\$0.00	
<b>Totals from statements</b>	<b>\$20.74</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$20.74</b>
<b>Total of Segregated Dam Fund May 31, 2015 held at BMO Harris FSB (9826)</b>			<b>\$244,188.60</b>
<b>Total all Segregated Dam Fund May 31, 2015 from all locations</b>			<b>\$719,940.40</b>
<b>Section VI, Lake Improvement BMO Harris</b>			
	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Charges</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Segregated Lake Improvement Fund Savings Account Balance April 30, 2015 held at BMO Harris (9295)</b>			<b>\$105,005.86</b>
May	\$8.92	\$0.00	
<b>Totals from statements</b>	<b>\$8.92</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$8.92</b>
<b>Total of Segregated Lake Improvement Fund May 31, 2015 held at BMO Harris</b>			<b>\$105,014.78</b>
<b>Section VII, Grand Total All Funds</b>			
<b>Total of All Funds, May 31, 2015</b>			<b>\$937,672.60</b>

5. Old Business -

- Annual Meeting Prep - The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday August 8, 2015 at the Fort Atkinson High School Gymnasium. Registration will be at 8:30 with the meeting scheduled to start at 9:00. The Chair commended Debbie Hart for her work on the newsletter.
- Audit Committee Annual Review - Frank Boucek spoke about the Annual Review meeting with Summit Accounting Group that was held on July 2, 2015 in Janesville. Treasurer Lunder and Secretary Proud attended the meeting. Wade Hansen from Summit will attend the Annual Meeting. Chairman Christianson asked if it was too late to add another line item to the budget as he had attended a meeting of the Rock River Trail Initiative. The entire Board commented on the number of signs posted in and around the Rock Koshkonong Lake District. The RRTI is looking for a contribution to pay for the signs. It was determined that any monies could be pulled from the lake management segregated fund.

- Cost Recovery Judgement against Town of Sumner - Chairman Christianson noted that we had not received any monies from Town of Sumner even though we had received an email from their legal counsel advising Sumner to make the payment.
- Dam Boom installation - Treasurer Lunder who acted as the project coordinator for RKLD reported that the booms were installed and that once the gates were reopened after the installation the booms were pulled toward the dam. Adjustments have been discussed and we are in the process of obtaining more brackets that will help to straighten out the booms.
- Kuehn Road Boat Launch - Since the last meeting Chairman Christianson had spoken with Bill O'Connor our legal counsel regarding this matter. Bill recommended against the Lake District providing any grants. Since the threshold for generating an RFP is any work for more than \$2,500 so no matter what we do with that boat launch, we would have to generate an RFP. The Board agrees on the merits of improving this launch. Legal Counsel was also concerned about the District pouring concrete on someone else's property. Counsel suggests that we do a title search to find out who owns the boat launch. A title search is being performed. Marc from Ultimate Excavating told the Board that he did the launch at Kuehn Road years ago with RRKA and as far as he knows it is a dead end road that the township owns. Marc acknowledged that while Kuehn Road is not a great ramp for boaters, it is extremely important for ice fishing. Marc also commented that the Town of Sumner does not want the liability or the financial responsibility for the launch. Marc had also spoken with the DNR who informed him that if the property owner, in this case Norm's Hideaway, would sign off on the project, the DNR would agree to this. The Board is extremely interested in improving the public boat launches around the lake. After further discussion, the Board agreed to take a small step first and issue an RFP for an experimental boat launch at Kuehn Road. It was also agreed that the Lake District and Town of Sumner should have an agreement in writing that the Lake District does not hold the Town of Sumner liable and they are giving us permission to work on the boat launch. Marc asked that we hold off issuing the RFP until he could speak with his contacts at the DNR. If this does not become a bureaucratic nightmare, the District will consider other launches.

## 6. New Business -

- Bark River Fish Hatchery funding - Don Bush and Jim Furley representing the Bark River Fish Hatchery attended the meeting. The Chair started this portion of the meeting explaining that funding for the Hatchery has been drying up over the years. The Board has always believed the Fish Hatchery has been an asset to Lake Koshkonong and we need to explore ways to keep it open and operating. Don provided a little history on the Hatchery that started in 1993. Since 1993 they have hatched over 40 million fry out of their building. 100% of these have been released in to the system at the Bark River where it flows in to the Rock River. Based on scientific study, it has been determined that the Hatchery is responsible for close to 25% of walleye fingerling in the system. All of the sauger in Lake Koshkonong has come from the Bark River Hatchery. The cost to keep the hatchery operating is close to \$8,000 per year. Commissioner Lunder asked if there are fishing clubs that can donate to the Hatchery. Chairman Christianson said that Anchor 2.0 would be a great location to start up the fund raising dinner that was previously held at the Red Apple. Chairman Christianson suggested that the District could partner with the various clubs around the lake that donate to the Hatchery and match them dollar for

dollar. Commissioner Bowers stated that her felt there was no better money spent for fish stocking than the Hatchery. Treasurer Lunder suggested that someone make a motion from the floor to donate either a flat fee or a limit of matching funds. The Chair would prefer to see a recommended amount be proposed and voted on at the Annual Meeting as opposed to leaving this open ended.

7. Public Participation - There was no public participation.
8. Meeting Adjournment - A motion was made by Ray Lunder and seconded by Jim Bowers to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried by a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M. The next meeting will be July 16<sup>th</sup>.