
Rock Koshkonong Lake District 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: August 1, 2009
Location: Fort Atkinson High School
926 Lexington Street, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin
Present: Brian Christianson, Ray Lunder, Jeff Folk, Dave Brown, Frank Micale,
Ed Sandner
Absent: Mary Mawhinney

1. Call to Order. 9:09 a.m.
 - A. Chairman Christianson went through some rules so the meeting will be orderly and efficient.
 1. Step to the microphone stand to speak, have your ballot card.
 2. State your name and address in the District.He announced the public notice of the meeting was legally posted.
2. Approve 2009 Agenda – A motion was made and seconded to approve the presented 2009 meeting agenda. On a voice vote, the motion passed.

Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting

Secretary Ed Sandner presented the minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting. Chairman Christianson asked for any corrections or additions, there being none, a motion to approve the 2008 Annual Meeting minutes was made, seconded and approved.

3. Annual Audit report of 2008

Audit Committee Representative Dave Larsen was not able to attend this meeting. Chairman Christianson stated his report would be posted early next week on the website. No motion needed at this time.

Treasurer Ray Lunder gave a brief report of expenditures and account balances for 2008.

Total expenditures	\$112,147.00
Balance in Indianford Dam Fund	<u>\$259,974.00</u>
Balance in all funds	\$377,130.00

Chairman Christianson stated questions will be taken later in the meeting.

4. Chairman's Report.

Chairman Christianson introduced the members of the Board, and members of the legal team. Chairman Christianson thanked the many volunteers and Tallgrass Restoration for allowing RKLD to hold their meetings at their facility. He also introduced and welcomed guest speakers for this meeting.

Chairman Christianson reported there would be an election for the one open position on the Board. Nominations will be taken from the floor later in the meeting.

He stated that there has been no decision from the Appellate Court on the water level proceedings. Chairman Christianson reported the fundraiser for the shoreline restoration fund raised \$48,000. A total of \$4,000 was contributed by the RKLD at a dollar per parcel.

Chairman Christian thanked several contributors including J.P. Cullen and Sherman Sanitation.

The Indianford Dam was threatened by the flood last year. The RKLD and Rock County reinforced the dam wings. The estimate was \$40,000 to be shared by Rock County and the Lake District. However, 85% of the cost was covered by FEMA, so the Lake District portion totaled only \$3,900.00.

Chairman Christianson explained how the second segregated account for money remaining at the end of the year outside of the budget to be used for restoration projects for the lake would be reported. The balance will be known after January 2010 and will be reported in next year's accounts.

The Lake District has received a grant from the Army Corp and the State Legislature. Monies for restoration and improvements are available through the federal government's Planning Assistance to the States (PAS) program. Matching funds are necessary for the Army Corp or Engineers grant. A meeting was held with Speaker Mike Sheridan (Janesville) and Rep. Andy Jorgensen (Fort Atkinson) to help state officials understand the importance of this type of project. After a great deal of work, funds have been inserted in the state budget totaling \$100,000. Brian thanked the legislators for their work on passing the budget with this appropriation.

5. Water Level Proceedings Report

A. Bill O'Connor, Wheeler Van Sickle & Anderson S.C.

Bill gave a summary of the case to this point. A decision on the appeal has not yet been made. The decision can be appealed to the Supreme Court of the State of Wisconsin. The appeal must be filed within 30 days of the decision and would take approximately 8 – 9 months. It is hoped that a decision will be made by October of this year.

There is no absolute assurance if the case goes to the Supreme Court, that it will be heard. The Supreme Court will decide if they will take the case.

At this time, Bill gave a summary how the Army Corp and the state grant will be used for lake improvements. The Army Corp is interested in working with these lakes to help with flooding issues.

Questions from the audience were answered regarding the cost of an appeal to the Supreme Court and who would be responsible for these costs. The Lake District would be responsible if this case does go to the Supreme Court, but a great deal of the preliminary work has been done, eliminating a great deal of the cost.

Chairman Christianson recognized the RKLD legal defense team for their excellent presentations at the contested case hearing and past annual meetings

6. Operational Report

A. Hydrology - Rob Montgomery, Montgomery Associates.

Rob gave a slide presentation of the flooding history of Lake Koshkonong and the Rock River. He stated the flood of 2008 was due to heavy rainfall in our watershed. These types of storms can never be predicted, but seem to be more severe and frequent in the last several years. He showed slides of RKLD Annual

floodwater stages from the last several years. The 2009 spring flood took a longer time to dissipate but was not as high as last year. The Indianford Dam is only a factor at low-flow times.

B. Steve Hjort – Senior Biologist ECO – Resource Consulting.

Steve gave a slide presentation and reported on the ecological implications of the flooding. It is very difficult to speculate since flooding of this magnitude has never happened. Surveys were conducted when the water receded to evaluate the damage. Some damage was reported in some areas. The grant dollars to protect areas with riprap helped stop erosion. He showed slides of many wetlands dating back to 2004. He explained the importance of protecting the shorelines with riprap. Some sediment has been building behind riprap areas. A total of eleven grants of \$10,000 each helped protect the wetland areas.

The carp seiners have been doing an excellent job at removing rough fish from the lake. The Lake Koshkonong comprehensive project is supported by the state; the Army Corp of Engineers will provide funds under the PAS project. There will be a comprehensive approach to move beyond the water dispute issue. The RKLK mission is to 1) improve navigation, 2) to protect and improve habitat and wetlands, 3) preserve and increase property values and lake-related economic activity and 4) make Lake Koshkonong a top Wisconsin recreational destination. Moving forward, our status is to 1) establish a procedure with the DNR 2) working with the Army Corp of Engineers to develop a scope of work under the PAS program.

Questions from the audience were answered.

7. Special Guests

Chairman Christianson introduced Representative Andy Jorgenson to the audience and thanked him for helping provide the grant from the State Legislature.

The next special guest was the Rock River Safety Patrol Captain, Henry Sautin. He gave a report on the background of the patrol and working with boaters. They are the primary safety patrol on the Lake and River. Chairman Christianson asked the members if they would consider providing funds from the Lake District to support the Rock River Safety Patrol. Three options were given. 1) \$1.00 per parcel or approximately \$4,000, 2) A set dollar amount to the Safety Patrol and take money out of existing funds, or 3) wait until next year when a line item can be added to the budget for approval. At the present time, five towns fund the Safety Patrol. The RKLK has never been involved with money to the RRSP; it is not a part of our mission statement. Questions were taken from the floor

8. Presentation of the Proposed 2010 Annual Budget

Treasurer Ray Lunder reviewed the results of fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, and presented the proposed budget for 2010 as posted in the Annual Newsletter.

It was noted that the 2010 proposed assessment has been reduced to \$35.00 per parcel down from \$41.00 per parcel. A motion was made by Steve Proud, seconded by Tom Kelly to adopt the 2010 Budget as presented by the RKLK. A discussion followed

At this time, a motion was made to raise funds for the Rock River Safety Patrol in the amount of \$1.00 per parcel, raising the proposed assessment to \$36.00. There was no second to this motion. The motion failed

The vote for the \$35.00 per parcel was called. On a show of ballot cards vote, the motion passed.

10. Election of (1) Commissioner to Serve Term expiring in 2012. (Brian Christianson)

Nominees are:

1. Brian Christianson

No nominees were made from the floor. Chairman Christianson asked the members to please keep Jim Folk a previous RKLD Chairman, in their thoughts and prayers during his illness.

Frank Micale thanked Brian for his work in obtaining the \$100,000 grant.

Balloting was done by collecting all the vote cards from all the voting members of the RKLD that were present. Election results were as follows:

Brian Christianson	74	votes
Norbert Johnson	2	write-in votes.

12. Adjourn - A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the annual Lake District meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Immediately following the meeting, the board convened for a brief meeting to elect the board positions.

A motion was made to appoint Brian Christianson to the Chairman position. This motion was seconded and passed. Brian Christianson will continue on as the Chairman of the Board.

A motion was made to appoint Ray Lunder to the Treasurer position. This motion was seconded and passed. Ray will continue as Treasurer of the Board.

A motion was made to appoint Ed Sandner to the Secretary position. This motion was seconded and passed. Ed will continue as Secretary of the Board.

This meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m. after the board appointments.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Sandner Secretary
Rock-Koshkonong Lake District