

Rock Koshkonong Lake District

Meeting Minutes

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

Date: September 9, 2003

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

Also, about 10 observers

1. Call to Order. 6:35
 - a. Approval of the minutes from June 10, 2003
 - i. Jerry made a motion, Second by Ray to accept the minutes.
 - b. Treasurers Report.
 - i. Frank made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Second by Ray.
2. Election of Board Commissioners.
 - a. A motion was made to keep the board the same as it was in the previous year. Buck Sweeney was voted out and replaced by Brian Christianson, Buck didn't have a board position, so the positions will stay the same. This motion was made by Frank and seconded by Brian.
 - b. After this motion, **Jim announced that he would not be running for the board in 2004. Jerry also said that he would not run for the board in 2005. These statements were noted, but only time will tell.**
 - c. **Edited by Jim; inserted in the minutes by Jim. I will not run for re-election to the RKL D Board, I will consult for the district but it is time for new people to step up and be actively involved, this district is important to everyone. I have spent since 1997 in helping create the district, save the dam and hopefully create a better environment for everyone and it is now time for me to step down and let someone else bring in more ideas and carry out what has been started to improve our environment and manage the district.**
3. Update on wetland restoration grants.
 - a. The first 6 reports have been approved. The district has to show proof of payment to the wetland owners, and then the DNR will issue the go ahead for the state to reimburse the Lake District.
 - b. There are only two groups that still need to provide paperwork to get the grant money. This would be Linn Duesterbeck and Mark Meyer.
4. Discuss water level issue.

- a. The EIR response is complete and being reviewed by the district. It is anticipated it will be delivered to the DNR by the first week of October, 2003.
 - b. Once this EIR response is in the DNR's hands, it will be up to the DNR to make a decision over the water level issue, or decide to make no decision, at which time the lake district can appeal to the state to grant the Lake District an administrative hearing over this issue.
 - c. The Dam repair at Indianford is underway. This work is expected to run through fall and be complete before year end.
 - d. There were 2 amendments that were presented to the board to get approved before the repairs could begin. The first amendment had to do with additional repairs that were suggested by the DNR. We will adopt 3 of the repairs and include this in the repairs for this fall. The second amendment is a financial agreement between Rock County and the Lake District. This involves splitting the cost of replacing the fencing surrounding the powerhouse and the Dam. The cost to the Lake District will be \$7,500 and will be subtracted from the first payment Rock County will owe the Lake District at the time of the transfer of ownership. What this means is that Rock County will pay \$92,500 to the Lake District instead of \$100,000 for the first annual installment to the Lake District, and will revert back to \$100,000 for the remainder of the payments.
5. Any new business to come before the board.
- a. A motion was made by Frank, and seconded by Jerry to send a letter from our Attorney on behalf of the Lake District, to the DNR, requesting a temporary suspension of the winter drawdown for the 2003-2004 season. With the water already low, the drought conditions that already exist, and the underlying lack of effect the drawdown has in general, the Lake District has data that this will drastically effect the condition of the lake again this winter if it is drawn down.
 - b. The raffle calendar generated \$6,099.45 in profit after all expenses. This in addition to the generous donation brings our total for the raffle to \$11,099.45. This didn't meet our goal, but it is still \$11K more than we had when we started. Thanks to Tom Kelly for getting this started, Wiggle for his donations and participation, and everyone else that either bought tickets or helped sell and promote this raffle.
6. Adjourn.
- a. A motion was made by Jerry, and seconded by Frank to adjourn.
 - b. 7:12 p.m.

Ray Lunder Secretary
Rock-Koshkonong Lake District

