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Re: Rock Koshkonong Lake District/Wetland Association

Dear Bill:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your request from the meeting held in the offices of Michael Best & Friedrich on May 5, 2003. Participating on behalf of wetland owners were Rick Perssons, Linn Duesterbeck and myself. Participating on behalf of the Lake District were Ray Lunder and Jim Folk. At the meeting you asked for a proposal. Obviously, we need to get our wetland organization together in order to provide you a formal proposal. Therefore, I am taking the liberty of doing a short letter to you to raise the issues in order to determine whether the Lake District wants to move forward in negotiations with us. This is my own "view" of the issues and not that of the group.

The Lake District has retained Scott Storlid of Natural Resources Consulting to be their expert on these issues and negotiations. The Wetland Group does not believe that existing information supports the request for raising of the water levels. In addition, much of the information submitted to WDNR does not appear to be taken into account property rights and the value of wetlands.

What we are proposing is a two-year stay of any request to WDNR to raise the water level. During this two-year stay the district can continue to work on environmental assessments of their proposal moving forward. I will recommend to the wetland groups that we consider a pilot project consisting of pumping muck from the lake into available sites to determine whether we can recreate some of the wetlands. It appears that Jim Folk's solution is simply to armor the wetlands surrounding the lake. I do not believe this to be the most cost effective nor viable solution. We would like our experts to consult on this issue and work directly with WDNR on this particular issue.

Several in our group have requested that we should actually ask for the lake levels to be lowered rather than raised. However, this is probably not feasible, as there is some constituents that want to have a better fishery as well as more areas to boat on. Therefore, a compromise position will probably have levels raised slightly from where they are today. Obviously, we can determine what the word "slightly" can be defined at.

We believe that the raising of the water levels in the lake will also raise groundwater levels surrounding the lake. This will greatly affect farmlands and potential harvesting of timber. We would like to see what evaluation has been done on the flowage rights and the affected groundwater concerning the proposed raising of the water level.

We also understand that there will need to be work on the winter drawdown. We have heard WDNR opine that the winter drawdown should not start until after the ice has formed on the lake. What we would be offering is to sit down with the Lake District and WDNR to work out modifications to the winter drawdown. It is possible that a joint resolution from the wetland association as well as the Lake District could allow that aspect to move forward while we're in a two-year stay.

We also believe that the only way that a wetland group will support any raising of levels will be in conjunction with a summer drawdown. We would look to our experts and those at WDNR to determine the frequency and the extent of the summer drawdown in order to establish both submergent and wetland vegetation. We would also look to our experts to look at potential benefits regarding these issues.

We believe that the proposed raising of the water levels will adversely affect our property values and will be detrimental to the overall biological effect of the lake. Specifically we believe that the fishery will be hurt by the proposal as submergent vegetation will be hurt and that our wetlands will be further damaged. We also believe that the high water level will generate more carp and cause additional problems in the lake. Our expert will go into more detail on these issues either in negotiations or litigation.

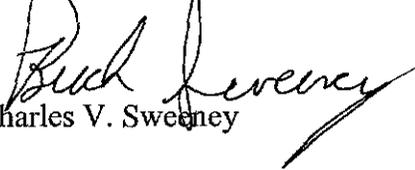
In summary, I see this as an issue of whether the Lake District desires to work with a group of wetland owners around the lake to determine whether we can work together. Alternatively, we will get involved with litigation to determine whether the Lake District can increase the flowage rights of the natural body of water. We believe this is WDNR's jurisdiction. We also respectfully request that Jim Folk schedule time at the annual meeting in August for Scott Storlid to speak on behalf of the Wetland Association Group.

The Wetland Group plans to meet on May 27, 2003 at WDNR's Janesville *office*. This letter will be supplemented by the group. This letter reflects my view on the issues. The Group

will meet with the various wetland property owners, hunt clubs and others to generate a position paper in the future. A stay of the water level request will allow more productive discussions.

Sincerely,

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To: Lake Koshkonong Wetland Association:

We are scheduled for our next meeting to be held at WDNR's office in Janesville on Tuesday, May 27, 2003 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. I am copying Mike Halsted and Ken Johnson on this and asking them or anyone else at WDNR who they think should be invited. I am also copying Scott Storlid who has been hired by the Association to represent its interests regarding the value of wetlands and how a proposed increase in water levels affect the wetland surrounding Lake Koshkonong.

We have sent out a letter to Bill O'Connor regarding this matter and our concerns. We are copying Jim Folk and asking that he put this meeting on the Rock Koshkonong Lake District website as well.

Linn Duesterbeck will be preparing an agenda for the meeting and providing notice to anyone else who thinks they should attend. We are also asking Linn to contact the local papers to see whether they will put this in as a public notice or whether any of the radio stations will pick up the issue. I am conflicted out of attending the May 13, 2003 Lake District meeting. I am hopeful that some of you can attend.

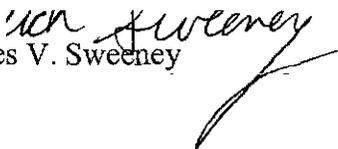
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