

**DRAFT FEBRUARY 18, 2021  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES  
ROCK KOSHKONONG LAKE DISTRICT**

Chair Alan Sweeney called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Board of Commissioner members present were Treasurer Mark Meyer, Susan Shearer, Michael Shumaker, Kerry Hull, Bill Burlingame, and Michael Hart along with several district members in person and remotely.

Sweeney confirmed the meeting agendas were posted.

**APPROVE AGENDA:** A Shearer/Meyer motion to approve the February 18, 2021 agenda passed, all voted in favor.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** A Meyer/Shumaker motion to approve the January 12, 2021 minutes passed, all voted in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Meyer presented the Treasurer's report. He stated there is no real property insurance on the powerhouse, dam, spillway or any of the equipment at the Indianford Dam. Baer Insurance provides a policy that includes RKLD liability for the Indianford Dam and workman's compensation insurance. Meyer stated a replacement value will need to be set. Sweeney recommended contacting Scott Purlee and Kris Cutz to assist with establishing the value.

A Hull/Burlingame motion to approve the Treasurer's report and the bills list in the amount of \$40,619.92 as provided passed, all voted in favor.

**INDIANFORD DAM REPORT:** SHPO and US Army Core of Engineers received the request for historical significance on the Dam. The turnaround time for approval with both agencies is usually 30 days. Sweeney estimated the project will be ready by mid-March to put out for bid.

Sweeney stated he reviewed the existing Tuff boom location with Worthington. The representative verified the boom is not installed properly, needs a different location and may require additional dredge. He is going to advise a new layout. the layout for the existing tough boom is not in the design contract with Mead & Hunt.

Indianford Dam operator Kim Botham stated there is one frozen wicket gate closed but the water level is still decreasing. The current level is 8.2 feet. Shumaker would like to continue to the minimum level of 5.0 feet.

**LANDINGS AND LAKE ACCESS:** Bob Venske, Town of Albion Chairperson, provided Chair Sweeney a signed offer to purchase the land from Koshkonong Pastoral Center Inc in the amount of \$62,900, appraised value of the property. The offer included the following contingencies:

1. Buyer receiving grants to cover the cost of the subject acquisition.
2. Buyer will be responsible for a survey to create the parcel.

Venske has requested the RKLD give MSA Engineering the approval to move forward with the grant process. Bruce Lunde, MSA Engineering stated the documents that will need in place prior to grant application include land ownership, design plan and permit from DNR, approval from Shoreland Zoning and Dane County. Sweeney is concerned since this request is not in line with the board's direction on involvement with projects.

The committee discussed the next steps of the project if the land is purchased. Shumaker expressed concern that the land included in the offer will not allow the landing to be built properly. Hart stated the parking lot is essential for the boat landing and must be completed. Burlingame disagreed stating the landing should be benefit the local taxpayers and does not feel a parking lot would accomplish this. He is

in support of other work being completed based on a commitment from Town of Albion.

Sweeney recommended a Memorandum of Understanding be drafted with the Town of Albion. Commissioners presented the following conditions to be included:

1. Property must be in the name "Town of Albion"
2. RKLD must not be listed on any grant applications, request for bids, design plans, or purchasing documents.
3. Survey required to verify property lines and accessibility.
4. Approval from Town of Albion board to go ahead with the project.
5. Design plan submitted to RKLD for approval
6. Engineering to be bid unless Town of Albion has MSA on retainer
7. Guarantee from Town of Albion board that after providing the funds for purchasing the land, the project will be complete including any necessary breakwater, dredging and parking lot installation
8. Funds given to Town of Albion for purchase of land are returned to the RKLD after grant money received.
9. Funds received from grant after initial purchase of land by RKLD are used to further the Bingham Road Landing project

Michael Hart, Bill Burlingame, Mark Meyer and Al Sweeney will review the requirements of the MOU with Thompson Legal.

A Burlingame/Meyer motion that in this project with the Town of Albion for the Bingham Road landing a Memorandum of Understanding is developed and agreed upon by all parties passed on a 6-1 roll call vote, Shearer opposed.

#### **COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS**

- Shearer plans to review the website and requested commissioners share thoughts on improving the website.
- Shumaker has been in contact with Chris Braun from Rock River Patrol will assist with the installation of lights on the railroad bridge in spring.
- Bill Burlingame has been in contact with DNR to evaluate the options for increasing parking capacity at the Newville boat landing.
- Meyer would like to review the milestone schedule for the water control project and have a financial understanding from Mead & Hunt. This will be part of the Request for Proposal.

Being no other business before the board, a Shearer/Meyer motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.