

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

Date: October 5, 2017
Location: Tallgrass Restoration - 3129 E County Road N, Milton, WI
Present: Brian Christianson, Ray Lunder, Jim Bowers, Andy Walton, Steve Proud, Al Sweeney, Joan Heudepohl
Guests: Adam Walton - Boater Safety

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Christianson at 6:03 P.M.
2. Meeting Notice and Agenda - The Chair confirmed that the meeting notice and agenda had been legally posted on/in the Lake District web site, CKSD, Milton and Edgerton Newspapers. A motion was made by Steve Proud and seconded by Joan Heudepohl to approve the agenda. The motion carried by a voice vote.
3. Meeting Minutes from June 1, 2017 and July 29, 2017 - A motion was made by Ray Lunder and seconded by Jim Bowers to approve the June 1st meeting minutes. The motion carried with a voice vote. A motion was made by Steve Proud and seconded by Al Sweeney to approve the July 29th meeting minutes. The motion carried by a voice vote.
4. Treasurer's report - Treasurer Lunder gave his report which is included.

Treasurers Report			
Meeting Date October 5, 2017			
Previous Meeting Date June 1, 2017			
Section I: Operations Checking FCB Milton (1842)			
	Deposits	Charges	Total
Beginning Checking Account, April 30, 2017 (1842)			\$36,571.28
May	\$107.70	\$11,798.97	
June	\$0.00	\$1,202.10	
July	\$17,604.15	\$32,474.43	
August	\$295.54	\$2,700.41	
September	\$50,000.00	\$704.21	
Totals from statements	\$68,007.39	\$48,880.12	\$19,127.27
Checking Balance, September 30, 2017 (1842)			\$55,698.55

Section II: Lake Improvement Segregated Fund held at FCB Milton (3406)			
	Deposits	Charges	Total
Segregated Lake Improvement Fund Savings Account Balance April 30, 2017 (3406)			\$105,530.68
May	\$38.16	\$0.00	
June	\$34.71	\$0.00	
July	\$35.87	\$0.00	
August	\$35.89	\$0.00	
September	\$28.11	\$50,000.00	
Totals from statements	\$172.74	\$50,000.00	-\$49,827.26
Total of Segregated Lake Improvement Fund April 30, 2017 held at FCB Milton (3406)			\$55,703.42
Section III, Dam Savings Segregated Fund held at FCB Milton (8428)			
	Deposits	Charges	Total
Dam Savings Account Balance April 30, 2017 held at FCB Milton (8428)			\$250,445.46
May	\$90.58	\$0.00	
June	\$82.36	\$0.00	
July	\$85.15	\$0.00	
August	\$85.17	\$0.00	
September	\$79.70	\$0.00	
Totals from statements	\$422.96	\$0.00	\$422.96
Total of Segregated Dam Fund Sept 30, 2017 held at BMO Harris (8428)			\$250,868.42
Section IV, Dam Savings Segregated Fund CD held at FCB Milton (98-1)			
	Deposits	Charges	Total
Dam Savings CD Inception date January 19, 2016 held at FCB Milton (98-1)			\$225,000.00
Total Dam Savings CD Sept 30, 2017 held at FCB Milton (98-1). Matures July 19, 2017			\$229,806.07
Section V, Dam Savings Segregated Fund CD held at FCB Milton (98-2)			
	Deposits	Charges	Total
Dam Savings CD Inception date Nov 8, 2016 held at FCB Milton (98-2)			\$200,000.00
Total Dam Savings CD Sept 30, 2017 held at FCB Milton (98-2). Matures Feb 8, 2018			\$200,843.01
Total all Segregated Dam Fund Sept 30, 2017 FCB Milton			\$681,517.50
Section VI, Grand Total All Funds FCB Milton			
Total of All Funds FCB Milton, Sept 30, 2017			\$792,919.47

5. Old Business

- Oxbow/Lagoon Update - There was no one present from Oxbow at the meeting. No update.

6. New Business -

- Vinnie Ha Ha Activity - The Chair started by saying that a few weeks back, Patty Menzione had called asking how the Lake District could partner with Vinnie Ha Ha residents as the bay has been filling in with erosion. Christianson suggested to Patty that if there was not one currently in place that the residents form a homeowners association and use that as a way to get the DNR's attention. Christianson explained the Lake District would be willing to help on such a project, however, it must be done properly and nothing can be done until the DNR rip-rap's the wetlands on the north side of the bay. As a result of the phone conversation, residents have started a letter writing campaign with pictures to the DNR Secretary, Governor's office and Lake District. Christianson went on to explain that discussion has been ongoing with the DNR to see what they and the Army Corps would consider to permit for future projects to rebuild the mouth of the river where it enters the lake at Blackhawk Island. Discussion continued with the Vinnie Ha Ha residents in attendance as to the erosion issues as well as potential improvements that could be made. There was also discussion about a potential meeting with DNR. The Chair concluded this conversation by stating the Lake District will continue to work with the Vinnie Ha Ha residents.
- Donation requests from Boater Safety funds - Adam Walton, Janesville Fire department - Adam started his report saying that 2017 had an inordinate amount of water rescues and fatalities throughout the Rock River system. Adam explained that the rescue boats use Hummingbird Side Scan Imaging units and that newer models are available. The objective is to raise \$5,000 and Adam is working with Hummingbird who has agreed to provide a 50% discount on the units that cost about \$2,000 apiece. If Adam is able to raise the money both Rock County Sheriff boats, Janesville fire boat, Rock County water patrol boat in Newville and the Beloit Fire Department. The new units would make the job easier and quicker for rescue units when called upon. Adam has been calling on businesses around the lake to donate \$500 apiece for the program. To date he has raised \$3,000. The goal is to have this complete by spring of 2018. Commissioner Proud asked Adam that if the district were to make and approve a motion that we could guarantee that the funds directed by RKLD would be used for Lake Koshkonong and Lake District area rescue boats. Adam confirmed that would be the case. Commissioner Bowers asked about Jefferson County rescue boats. Adam explained that if he is able to exceed the \$5,000 donation goal they would be talking with Fort Atkinson Fire Department. The issue with Fort Atkinson is that their boat does not do well in low water conditions that exist today. A motion was made by Steve Proud and seconded by Jim Bowers to approve a \$2,000 donation be made from the Boater Safety area of the Lake District budget. During open discussion a question from the audience asked why Jefferson County was not included in the original plan. Chairman Christianson explained that if water rescue is called upon, Rock County and Milton are typically first responders. Adam went on to say that the goal is to get Jefferson County involved and using the same equipment as the others since Fort Atkinson city is not within Lake District boundaries. The Chair brought the motion to a vote and it was carried by a voice vote with Andy Walton not voting.
- Rock River Water Trail - Chairman Christianson started the conversation by saying the Rock River Water Trail had omitted a couple of signs and need \$350 to finish signage on the river. A motion was made by Jim Bowers and seconded by Joan Heudepohl to finish the signage. The motion carried by a voice vote.

7. Public Participation - Public participation was about the current water levels and the drawdown that started on September 29th. The old drawdown was in effect November 1st. The water level litigation included raising the level 7.2 inches and eliminating the winter drawdown. Christianson went on to explain that during negotiations the DNR proposed to start the drawdown on September 15h which the district fought and the DNR moved the date for the winter drawdown to September 29th. At this point the District accepted the two stage approach to raising the water level from June 15th - September 29th. The winter drawdown states the District must keep the lake level between 775.5 and 776. Christianson went on to say that the Lake District is trying to keep the level at the top half of the order or 776. Commissioner Bowers interjected that in a recent conversation with the DNR that they said the reason for the winter drawdown was for frog hibernation. Bowers also commented that he was in attendance today at the IndianFord Dam Powerhouse meeting with the DNR and that the inspection was fine and the DNR found no issues at the Dam.

8. Adjourn - A motion was made by Joan Huedepohl and seconded by Andy Walton to adjourn the meeting. This carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.