

Rock Koshkonong Lake District

Meeting Minutes

Rock Koshkonong Lake District Board of Commissioners

Awaiting promised comments from Alan Sweeney

Date: March 21, 2019

Location: Tallgrass Restoration
3139 CTH N
STH 59 & CTY N

Present: Steve Proud, Ray Lunder, Jim Bowers, Mike Shumaker, Kerry Hull, Al Sweeney,
Joan Huedepohl

Guests: William O'Connor – RKLD Legal

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Proud at 6:00 P.M.
2. Meeting Notice and Agenda – The Chair confirmed that the meeting notice and agenda had been legally posted on/in the RKLD web site, CKSD and the various townships. Commissioner Sweeney made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with amendments. Amendment to combine number 7 with number 10 for fiscal and seasonal rules on the same agenda item. Shumaker seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.
3. Introduce new Town of Fulton appointee commissioner Kerry Hull. Andy Walton requested leave of absence and proper procedures were followed. A welcome and introduction to Kerry Hull from Commissioner Proud. A thank you for all the work that Andy Walton did for the RKLD.
4. Approve minutes from the October 11, 2018 Board meeting minutes:
 - Motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Huedepohl. Commissioner Sweeney seconded with amendments to the minutes. Amendments were provided to Commissioner Huedepohl to amend.
 - Motion was carried by voice vote.
5. Treasurer's report as follows: Operations checking balance - February 28, 2019, \$64,647.87. Lake Improvement segregated fund - February 28, 2019, \$106,364.29. Dam Savings segregated fund – February 28, 2019, \$51,525.14. Three laddered CDs for Dam Saving's fund: First, matures January 19, 2019 - balance \$231,498.28. Second matures November 8, 2019 – balance \$205,688.61. Third, matures May 9, 2019 -balance \$203,018.22. The total of all segregated dam funds \$691,730.25 and total of all balances \$862,742.41.
 - 1) 70% of the respective townships have paid to date. Will bring in numbers of what payments are completed and outstanding at future meetings. Commissioner Sweeney asked for any new contracts that have been signed since last meeting, any USGS payments since last meeting, payments to council since last meeting. Commissioner Lunder responded with payments over \$5000. Commissioner Sweeney asked for

payment lists of over \$2500 for the next meeting. Discussion took place on state statutes for this requirement. Commissioner Shumaker asked for payments to be posted on the RKLD websites. Commissioner Bowers said payments available in the minutes that are posted on the RKLD website.

6. Chairman's Report

- Commissioner Proud nominated Jim Bowers to the Dam committee.
- General election, new governor and new secretary of DNR, Preston Cole.
- October meeting concerns for financial processes and procedures. Chapter 33 clarity with a draft resolution to be discussed in next agenda items. Rules of procedures requested from Commissioner Sweeney is included in the agenda.
- Authorization last meeting for Commissioner Proud to work with legal to petition the appropriate, parties for a change to the winter draw down. Meeting with DNR department staff in coming weeks for this to happen before next winter and learn of wetland study.
- Commissioner Shumaker request to make changes to the dam. Commissioner Proud said this would go to the dam committee. Would like to see modifications, rebuilding mouth of river, boat launch work and other recreational works to go into a 10-year plan.
- District working with hydrologist for emergency action plan and inspection operations plan, which is required by the DNR, is in a draft stage. Also wanted to note that Travis, department of fisheries, is having public meetings for updates/changes to fishing.
- Discussions took place about the spillway and dam. Commissioner Shumaker discussed a temporary fix for short term with a general permit for a modification to the dam. Then pursue funding and any engineering work for further work in the future. Cleaning out in front of the wicket gates also discussed.

7. Financial Practices Policy- Resolution 2019 combined with Agenda item 10 Consideration of Rules of Procedure – Resolution 2019. Commissioner Sweeney suggested putting both financial practice and the rules of procedure together. Commissioner Sweeney suggested that when the motion to change the agenda was made that it combined the two documents. Commissioner Bowers made a motion to table item 7 and 10 until the next RKLD meeting and the motion was seconded by Schumaker.

8. Boat Launch Plan: Commissioner Bowers discussed the enhancements of boat launches around the lake. Commissioner Shumaker and Commissioner Bowers made sight assessments and discussed land availability, parking, break walls and other items that would enhance the boat launches. Discussed plans to achieve and working/partnering with the townships to work together to accomplish enhancements and land purchases.

9. Vinnie Ha Ha Plan: Discussions took place on break walls and developing a plan to make improvements. Project would be brought to the constituents at the annual meeting. Motion to appoint a committee to make a project plan for Vinnie Ha Ha Plan was made by Lundar and seconded by Schumaker seconded. Motion was carried. Commissioner Bowers and Commissioner Schumaker were appointed to the committee.

10. Combined with Agenda item # 7.

11. Public Comment:

- Commissioner Sweeney started the public comment about the railroad crossing height and the research he did for the cost to raise the height which was extremely expensive.

- Discussions took place from the public about the cleaning of trashracks. RKLD is aware of the failure of the cleaning of the trashracks and is in the process of putting together a rfp to get a new contract for cleaning the trash racks.
- Complaints on the height of the water, flooding and damage done to owners properties. Discussion took place around a 10 year plan be more quickly with one, three, and five years included. Suggestions were made that the public would be involved in working with the board. Commissioner Proud said there would need to be some research done on how that could happen within the current legal RKLD organization structure. Commissioner Proud wants to make sure that we are following the rules and making decisions that is the best for the constituents. Commissioner Bowers discussed the meetings that took place in the past with constituents on what they would like to see happen for the lake. These are being taken into consideration in the plans. Additional meetings were suggested to get some of the work done that is being discussed, issues resolved and that they take place in a larger facility due to the amount of public that is participating. Albion Town hall was offered as a site to meet since they can seat approximately 120 people. Fulton town hall was also offered as a place to meet. The Commissioners agreed to have another meeting in a month.
- Commissioner Proud is glad to see the public participation and is excited to work together in making changes for the good of Lake Koshkonong and its constituents.

12. Adjourn Motion was made by Bowers and Seconded by Hull and carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.