

**DRAFT AUGUST 5, 2023
BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
ROCK KOSHKONONG LAKE DISTRICT**

Public Hearing

Chair Alan Sweeney called the budget hearing to order and confirmed the meeting notice. Board of Commissioner members present were Treasurer Mark Meyer, Secretary Susan Shearer, Michael Shumaker, Mike Hart, and Eric "Rick" Richardson

Treasurer Meyer presented the proposed 2024 annual proposed budget.

Bill Burlingame requested the proposed budget include funding for an administrative assistant.

The budget hearing was completed at 9:58 a.m.

Annual Meeting

Chairperson Sweeney motioned to call the 2023 annual meeting of the electors to order at 10:00 a.m.

Spencer Deremer motioned to approve the 2022 annual meeting minutes. Jim Feggestad seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

NOMINATION OF BOARD CANDIDATES: Nominations made prior to the meeting for inclusion on the ballot were Mike Shumaker, Henry (Hank) Chamberlain, and Mike Hart.

Scott Hawkins motioned to nominate Caroline Schiffner, N959 Vinnie Ha Ha Road as a write-in candidate. The nomination was seconded, and the motion carried.

Jim Feggestad motioned to close the nomination for the Board of Commissioners. Scott Hawkins seconded, and the motion carried.

The meeting was recessed for 15 minutes to complete the initiation of the vote.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chair Sweeney thanked Paul Tropp from the Edgerton Performing Arts Center for providing the facility for the meeting and the volunteers who assisted with the annual meeting. Chair Sweeney invited electors to contact their town board to be a part of the annual audit scheduled each year in July.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WATER CONTROL PROJECT

Steve Proud requested the expected completion date of the water control project and the operation of all the gates.

Chairperson Sweeney stated a scour hole was discovered in the floor of the east chamber of the Indianford Dam and this repair has delayed the progress. The contractor, IEI is wrapping up the original scope of the project with the final painting and landscaping work. The Department of Natural Resources is requiring a reconfiguration of the debris boom. The Board is working with the DNR to confirm the specifications needed and will contract with a vendor to complete the work.

Ray Lunder asked if the Board will be petitioning the DNR for a change to the Indianford Dam Operating Order in relation to the water level due to the operational changes now completed.

Chair Sweeney stated the requested amendment will be targeted towards the dates of the summer and winter water levels.

Tammy Shaver discussed the water level increase approved as part of the previous court case and inquired

on the date the additional water level will be raised. Shaver expressed concern for the funds allocated to the attorney in the past.

Chair Sweeney and Secretary Shearer provided an update that the Department of Natural Resources has indicated the water control project was completed and the appropriate studies have not been completed by their staff.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Meyer presented the Treasurers report for 2023.

George Wellenkotter, requested if the Board had any pictures of the debris that was removed from the powerhouse in during the project.

REVIEW 2022-23 TRANSACTIONAL AUDIT REPORT: Secretary Shearer reviewed the 2022-23 transactional audit report completed on July 6, 2023. Representatives from the Town of Sumner and Town of Koshkonong were in attendance. All towns were invited to the audit. There were no abnormalities noted in the report.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET AND TAX LEVY:

Secretary Susan Shearer motioned to apply the money received from the buoy installation grant, approximately \$11,000, to the office supply meeting and expense line of the budget. Jim Feggestad seconded the motion.

Bill Burlingame recommended increasing the amount to \$30,000 - \$40,000 to complete the work.

Eric Hoffman expressed support for hiring an individual that may be able to complete grant writing and recommended increasing the amount.

George Wellenkotter, 309 Randolph Street, asked if the Lake District tax levy will change due to assessments.

Treasurer Meyer stated the budgeted tax levy for the Rock Koshkonong Lake District has not changed. The cost per home is based on the assessed value that is set by each Town's assessor.

Secretary Susan Shearer amended the motion to allocate any potential grant money up to \$11,000 and apply it to the new initiatives fund, with a final amount of approximately \$32,000 to be used to hire staff for communications and grant writing in the 2025 budget at the discretion of the board. Jim Feggestad approved the amended motion, and the motion carried with two in opposition of the motion.

The 2025 budget as amended was approved on a unanimous vote.

TABULATION OF VOTE AND ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Chairperson Sweeney stated 157 ballots were issued with Mike Hart and Eric "Rick" Richardson declared as the elected. There was one ballot returned with voter intent not determined.

A Bill Burlingame/Eric Hoffman motioned to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. passed, all voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Salvo

Recording Officer