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Board of Commissioners Meetings

All meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. The public is welcome to attend all meetings.

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Letter from the Chair

The end of 2021 and the beginning of 2022 has been a full year of preparations for the WDNR Water Control Directive 2014 at the Indianford Dam. Following the 2021 annual meeting, bids for the Indianford Water Control Project were received. A total of four contractors that met the necessary pre-bid qualifications bid on the project. The low bid was submitted by IEI General Contractors of DePere WI.

The project, designed by Mead & Hunt and approved by WDNR, consists of the removal of trash racks, wicket gates, and concrete reinforcements in the powerhouse. Water control will be wielded by six, 12-foot slide gates installed in front of the powerhouse. An early spring 2022 start date was planned, but high-water levels in March and April along with the inability to lower the elevated levels with current control facilities prevented the dewatering of the west chamber and delayed the project start. IEI submitted a request for an extension of the contract due to the delayed start date, that extension was until November 30, an additional 30 days. RKLD submitted a grant extension from WDNR, and that extension is until September 3, 2023. In early July, IEI General Contractors started the project with work on the west chamber including stop log installation, dewatering, and removal of the wicket mechanisms which has since been completed.

The cleaning boom design by Mead & Hunt has been approved by WDNR and will be ready for the bid process. This reconfigured cleaning boom will use current equipment with more useful, movable anchor points. This new design will also allow the removal of the high-maintenance trash racks.

As of this report, the RKLD dam operator has been able to keep water levels near the summer maximum of 776.55 per the WDNR water level order. With the Indianford Dam water control project in progress, the wicket water control systems are not in service until September. RKLD is at risk of high-water issues if the weather offers above-normal precipitation between now and the completion of the project; our water control tools are just that limited.

With the weather delays of the past year come offers of new project funding options that will be discussed by the electors at your annual meeting on August 27, 2022. The possibility of saving thousands in finance fees will be explained by the RKLD Treasurer and a decision by the electors will be offered.

As this project ramps up, it is time to look forward to the priorities of the future. Water quality should be a high priority for Rock River and Lake Koshkonong. There are many successful water quality projects in the area with grant funding available from many resources. A water quality project would involve the entire Rock River watershed. The benefits would also be expansive including fish hatcheries, beneficial herbaceous areas, and silt reduction, all resulting in a more useful and enjoyable water resource. Rock River Coalition will offer a short presentation at your annual meeting for consideration.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Chair Alan Sweeney

Indianford Dam Water Control Project



Indianford Dam Operating Orders

WDNR Water Level Order
(in feet above sea level)
Lake Koshkonong near Newville

785.12 Flood of 2008
780.00 Flood Stage
778.00 Slow/No Wake Rock River

Summer

776.55 Max (June 15-October 15)
775.73 Min (June 15-October 15)

Winter

776.00 Max (October 15 – June 14)
775.5 Min (October 15 – June 14)

775.27 Spillway Crest



2022-2023 RKLD Board of Commissioners Election

During the annual meeting, two board members will be elected. This is a three-year term. The board is always looking for new district people to bring in their ideas.

If you are interested in running, please contact Chair any board member or use the email form on the RKLD website. Nominations may also be made at the meeting.

2022 Annual Meeting

August 27, 2022 9:00 AM Racetrack Park, Edgerton, WI

- Please follow CDC guidelines as directed to ensure your safety.
- Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, pens, writing surface and hand sanitizer
- Voter Check-In Process has changed to improve efficiency and accurateness.
 1. For all eligible voters, a voter certification form is needed. The form will be available at the meeting. Per state statute, absentee or proxy voting is not allowed.
 2. Eligible voters include any lake district resident or landowner who is 18 years or older and a US Citizen. You must be a resident within the district for 28 days.
 3. Electors may have one vote per person. Business entities that also have a residence within the District may appoint a representative to cast a ballot on their behalf. Appointees are not required to live within the District.

RKLD recommends attendees take all precautions if attending the annual meeting. Attendees should understand they are attending of their own choosing and shall hold harmless the Rock Koshkonong Lake District and its commissioners for damages from attendance.