

AUGUST 17, 2023
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
ROCK KOSHKONONG LAKE DISTRICT

Chair Alan Sweeney called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. Board of Commissioner members present were Treasurer Mark Meyer, Secretary Susan Shearer, Kerry Hull, Eric "Rick" Richardson, and Michael Hart. Mike Shumaker arrived at 6:20 p.m.

Sweeney confirmed the meeting agendas were posted.

APPROVE AGENDA: A Shearer/Hart motion to approve the agenda passed, all voted in favor.

APPROVE MINUTES: A Richardson/Shearer motion to approve the July 10, 2023 and July 24, 2023 as passed, all voted in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Chairperson Sweeney asked for public participation.

Hank Chamberlain requested a recount of the annual election of the Board of Commissioners to be conducted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Meyer presented the Treasurer's report and bills list for August. Meyer stated there is an estimated \$85,000 in taxes yet to be collected for the 2023 tax year.

A Shearer/Hart motion to approve the Treasurer's report and the bills list passed, all voted in favor.

Chair Sweeney presented the change order #11 in the amount of \$16,907 for the increased amount of concrete needed for the project.

IEI has provided a cost of approximately \$300,000 for the reconstruction of the debris boom. Chair Sweeney stated Mead & Hunt is reviewing the approved design and producing a plan to request proposals. The bid should initiate by October 1 to ensure a contractor is available to start in the Spring.

INDIANFORD DAM REPORT: The Board discussed the options for future maintenance of the water levels. Chair Sweeney and Comm. Richardson recommended using the east gates for main water flowage. Chair Sweeney indicated this side is recommended due to the ease of removal of debris. The Board will prepare a policy that includes a specific sequence of the use of the Indianford Dam for water control. For now, the gates will be rotated during use.

LAKE MANAGEMENT: The Board discussed the annual meeting and any modifications needed for the future. There was a recommendation to record the meeting to allow additional constituents to interact. The facility is not capable of videotaping, but there are other outside options that may be used. Salvo thanked the volunteers that assisted with the process and the Edgerton Performing Arts Center for their use of the facility.

Chair Sweeney presented the communication from the Department of Natural Resources discussing the modifications requested to the Indianford Dam operating orders. The DNR has stated they are unwilling to change the order until there is operation of the in future seasons. The Board discussed hiring a data driven engineer to perform a study during the winter water level drawdown. Chair Sweeney will review with Mead & Hunt at the next construction meeting.

A Hart/Shumaker motion to nominate Eric Richardson to the Landings and Lake Access Committee passed, all voted in favor.

A Hull/Shumaker motion to approve the 2023-2024 committees list:

Indianford Dam Committee

Commissioner Mike Shumaker
Commissioner Kerry Hull
Commissioner Michael Hart

Landings and Lake Access Committee

Commissioner Michael Hart
Commissioner Eric "Rick" Richardson

Finance and Budget Committee

Commissioner Mark Meyer
Commissioner Susan Shearer

Buoys Committee

Commissioner Susan Shearer
Commissioner Alan Sweeney

The motion passed, all voted in favor.

Comm. Richardson provided an update on the buoys. The lights have been installed and additional buoys were installed at the northside of the lake. Secretary Shearer stated the WaterWay Commission grant award for \$11,160.75. This grant is an annual award.

COMMUNICATIONS: Salvo provided recommendations for increasing the media channels with the Rock Koshkonong Lake District. Starting January 1, the budget will allow for the hiring of an administrative assistant and the Board will review job descriptions to decide on the best action.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Chair Sweeney stated Attorney Thompson will no longer be able to represent the Lake District due to a job change. Boardman and Clark is another option that will be reviewed for discussion in the future. Representative Jacobson will present to the Board in October. There is an opportunity for a clean boat station through the DNR's AIS Prevention Grant.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Justin Shultz recommended the candidates have a representative at the election during the counting of the votes.

Being no other business before the board, a Hart/Shumaker motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. passed, all voted in favor.