

RKLD 2022 Transactional Audit Report

The RKLD Audit Committee met at 6:00 PM on July 6, 2023, at the Fulton Town Hall for the annual transactional audit of the RKLD. The committee members for the 2022 transactional audit were Mike Kiesler representing Sumner Township, and Kim Cheney, representing Koshkonong Township. Also present for the meeting were RKLD members: Mark Meyer (treasurer), Alan Sweeney (chairman), and Mike Shumaker. Justin Shultz of Koshkonong Township was present in the capacity of a recorder. The Towns of Fulton, Milton, and Albion were encouraged to send representatives to the meeting but declined attendance.

Mark provided bank statements and receipts for 2022 for review. There were some significant transfers in the audit period, mainly related to the Water Control Project. The first was the transfer of the Lake Improvement Fund into the water control project checking account. This move was authorized by a resolution of the electors at the 2022 RKLD Annual Meeting. The other big transfer was \$190,000 loan withdrawal into the water control project checking, the first action on the loan authorized at the 2022 annual meeting.

Mark discussed that a few budget items exceeded estimated budget. RKLD insurance costs have increased due to the increased value of the real property at the dam. Up until recently there was no real property insurance on the dam and now the value of the property was assessed higher due to new construction. Utilities costs at the powerhouse exceeded the 2022 budget, this is due to the ongoing construction at the dam and costs will return to normal levels once the construction is completed. Also notable is that the USGS payment was doubled up in 2022, because the 2021 end of year payment was returned due to format and had to be sent again at the beginning of 2022. So there were two USGS payments in 2022, and none in 2021. Buoy installation/removal costs increased as RKLD assumed responsibility for permitting and maintaining most of the buoys on the lake.

Mark said that the construction project at the dam is still within budget, with most work having been completed. He also noted that the Dam Segregated Fund which was tapped for the Water Control Project is being replenished by a \$30,000/year allocation which started in 2022.

Kim Cheney asked Mark what happens if the RKLD has a surplus from one year to the next. Mark stated that the board has applied any surplus to the Water Control Project.

Mike Kiesler noted the work involved in managing RKLD finances and inquired how Mark tracks RKLD finances. Mark told him that he uses a spreadsheet.

Mike asked Mark to confirm the 2022 start-of-year balance for the General Fund and the Water Control Project checking, that they match the 2021 end-of-year balance. Mark did not have the 2021 end-of-year number on hand but stated that he would provide them after the meeting to the committee by email.

A motion was made by Kim Cheney and seconded by Mike Kiesler, and unanimously approved by the committee to approve the 2022 transactional audit contingent on Mark providing the requested 2021 end-of-year balances. Mark provided these numbers after the meeting and confirmed that the 2021 end-of-year balance aligned to the 2022 start-of-year balances he provided.

Respectfully submitted by: Justin Shultz

