

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Rock Koshkonong Lake District**  
**Annual Meeting July 24, 2004**

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Fort Atkinson High School

1. Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m.
  - a. Attending; Jim Folk, Jerry Richardson, Frank Micale, Ray Lunder, Brian Christianson, Steve Hjort, Kerry Hull, Bill O'Connor and approx 230 property owners and electors signed in.
  - b. Ray Lunder read the minutes from the 2003 annual meeting to kick off the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the 2003 annual meeting.
  
2. Treasurers Report
  - a. Jerry Richardson led us through the Treasurer's report, which included a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in retained earnings dated December 31, 2003.
  - b. A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the treasurer's report dated December 31, 2003.
  
3. Report of the Budget Committee.
  - a. A question was asked if properties were let out of the district. No property was let out of the district.
  - b. How much of the budget is earmarked for the water level issue including legal fees, engineering, professional fees, etc? \$58,700 dollars is estimated to pursue the water level issue. Most of this will be to fight opposition, which at this time is anticipated to come from the wetlands association via comments they have made.
  - c. Will we receive any income from the dam? At this point, North American Hydro has expressed interest in generating power at the dam. They have toured the facility, and are running the numbers to see if this would be a feasible operation.
  - d. A motion was made at the 2003 annual meeting that stated any budget item over \$10,000 needs to be broken out. What this means is that if any one expense is over \$10,000, it needs to be it's own line

item, but can exceed \$10,000. This is what was presented in the budget.

- e. We may need a dam operator and an admin assistant, where is this in the budget? The potential dam operator is in the dam expense line item, and if an admin assistant is necessary, this won't be a large expense, and is anticipated to be volunteer work right now by the board members. This has always been the case in that since the Lake District has been established, not one penny has been paid to any board member for the website, minutes, annual newsletter, time spent in meetings, etc...
  - f. Someone was questioning the \$45 proposed annual fee and wondered what they could do about this? This fee will be voted on during this meeting.
  - g. What was the wetland grant on the budget? This was the grant money that the Lake District sponsored for the wetland owners. This has a net effect of zero to the Lake District.
  - h. How can the dam be operated for \$32,000? This is the boards best estimate based on actual charges over the past several years.
  - i. A motion was made and seconded to reduce the proposed budget by the \$58,700 estimated for the water level issue. This motion was voted on, and was defeated by a large margin.
  - j. A motion was made to reduce the budget to \$25. This motion was ruled out of order because it didn't accompany what budget items would be eliminated or reduced, and when asked for this data, the person that made the motion didn't have the answer.
  - k. A motion was made and seconded to amend the budget to use the mill rate to determine what the property owner would pay rather than have a flat fee for each property. When asked what this rate would be, the property didn't know. This motion was voted on nonetheless, and was defeated by a large margin.
  - l. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the budget as presented by the Lake District. This motion passed by a large margin and the budget discussion was concluded.
4. Chairman's Report on the District's Activities since the 2003 Annual Meeting.
- a. The Chairman reported on the activities that have taken place since the 2003 annual meeting. All of the activity had to do with two subjects, the dam progress report, and the status of the request for a change in the dam operating orders. The Chairman then turned the floor over to Bill O'Connor who elaborated on these subjects.

- b. Request for a change in the dam operating orders.
  - i. After our initial request to change the operating orders, the DNR responded with a multipage request for more information which they would like in the form of an Environmental Impact Response (EIR).
  - ii. The Lake District put this EIR together and submitted this back to the DNR.
  - iii. The DNR then asked for additional information again.
  - iv. Although the Lake District felt all of the information that was requested was included in the EIR, the Lake District again submitted the information requested in a summary format, pointing out where the data could be found in the report.
  - v. The DNR is now meeting weekly and it is anticipated they will finish their review, and complete their own EIR by September 2004.
  - vi. The DNR can grant our request as is, Deny our request, or can grant our request with specific modifications.
  - vii. Based on the decision back from the DNR, the Lake District can then either accept the decision from the DNR, or request an administrative hearing based on the decision of the DNR.

- c. Dam Progress Report
  - i. All of the repairs have been completed by Rock County and have been inspected and approved by both inspectors of the County and the Lake District.
  - ii. Title Insurance needs to be confirmed. Rock County did complete this and it discovered that what was included in the deed from the 1960's was a clause that said the owners or successors cannot generate power anytime in the future. The County is seeking a release from this limitation, which we are anticipating will take place, then deed can then be amended, and the closing can take place.

5. Election of Commissioners.

- a. The Chairman asked if there were any write-ins for the election of commissioners.
- b. Ari was nominated, but declined the nomination.
- c. Norbert Jim Johnson was nominated, and accepted the nomination.
- d. No other write-ins were nominated.
- e. Mr. Johnson was then asked to address the audience and answered questions.

- f. Mr. Walsh was then asked to address the audience and answered questions.
- g. Mr. Lunder was then asked to address the audience and answered questions.
- h. At this time, there were no further questions, and everyone was asked to fill out their vote cards by voting for two candidates, and turn in their cards.
- i. At this point there was a brief intermission while the votes were counted.
- j. A recognition speech was given for Jim Folk who is retiring from the Lake District board since it has been established. Jim has devoted untold number of hours in forming, participating, and chairing the Lake District board, and has decided to step down. A plaque was given to Jim for all of his efforts. Jim gladly accepted the gift, stating he has been happy and privileged with the opportunity that he was given for allowing him to Chair the Board since it's inception. He thanked everyone and wished us the best of luck for the future of the Lake District.
- k. The votes have been counted and the results are as follows:
  - i. Marty Walsh 100 votes.
  - ii. Ray Lunder 94 votes.
  - iii. Norbert Jim Johnson 32 votes.
  - iv. Mr. Walsh and Mr. Lunder were elected to the board.
- l. I personally commend Mr. Johnson for accepting the nomination and encourage him, and everyone else in the Lake District, to attend our meetings, stay involved to become more informed of the issues, and hopefully volunteer to help the board continue to pursue the goals of the Lake District.

6. Any other appropriate business.

- a. No other business was brought before the board besides a few questions regarding the water level issues.

7. Adjourn.

- a. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
- b. Meeting adjourned, 10:40 a.m.

- 1. Immediately following the meeting, the newly elected board nominated board members to the following positions:

- a. Brian Christianson was nominated as Chairman and accepted. A vote was taken and Brian was elected to the post of Chairman.
- b. Jerry Richardson was nominated as Treasurer and accepted. A vote was taken and Jerry was elected to the post of Treasurer.
- c. Ray Lunder was nominated as Secretary and accepted. Marty Walsh was nominated for Secretary and declined. A vote was taken and Ray was elected to the post of Secretary.

Ray Lunder    Secretary

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