

**KUSEL/WILSON/ROUND LAKES PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
December 13, 2014**

WHAT: Board of Commissioners Meeting of Kusel/Wilson/Round Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District

WHEN: December 13, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.

WHERE: Springwater Town Hall, Wild Rose, Waushara County, Wisconsin

PRESENT: James Buck, Chairperson/Secretary; Dan Mingus, Treasurer; John Van Lanen; Commissioner; Jerry Rothermel, Ex Officio County Board Member

OTHERS: Kent Ropella, Paul Zimmer, and Richard Schroeder

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M.

AT THE K/W/R LAKES DISTRICT DECEMBER 13, 2014 BOARD MEETING THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED:

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Quarterly Board Meeting held on September 20, 2014 were reviewed by James Buck. No changes were requested. Mingus moved and Van Lanen seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

II. FINANCIAL ISSUES

A. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Dan Mingus circulated financial statements for the District's administration account; Kusel Lake; Wilson Lake; and Round Lake. The financial statements showed the following:

1. Administration Account.....	Balance:	\$ 5,421.90
2. Kusel Lake	Balance:	50,495.74 (includes CD)
3. Wilson Lake.....	Balance:	39,849.95 (includes CD)
4. Round Lake.....	Balance:	3,098.01

Copies of said financial statements are attached to these Minutes. Buck moved and Van Lanen seconded a motion to approve the financial statements. The motion passed.

B. OPTIONS FOR ASSESSING TAXABLE LOTS/UNITS IN DISTRICT

The issue of how to assess members of the District were discussed. The consensus was only riparian lot owners of buildable lots should be assessed. This means taxable units in the campsites in the District, back lots with no lake frontage and non-buildable lots will not be assessed. Also, the consensus was each lake should develop its own budget, because the needs of each lake are different. Wilson Lake pays for aerators, as well as, for surveying and treatment of aquatic invasive species (AIS). Kusel Lake does not have aerators, but must survey and treat for AIS. Round Lake has no aerators and has had few problems with AIS for several years. No specific votes were taken with regard to the assessment issues. Instead, it was an opportunity for these issues to be discussed. If any district members believe the assessment issue needs to be discussed further, they should contact one of the board members regarding their concerns.

C. DONATION TO PLEASANT LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Pleasant Lake Management District has litigated the issue of the effect of high capacity wells on lake levels, especially in Waushara County. The Pleasant Lake Management District has incurred attorney's fees and expert fees as part of the litigation. As a result of their litigation, a Court has limited the number of gallons the high capacity well for the Richfield Dairy, LLC can pump. The Court reduced the capacity of the Richfield Dairy, LLC well to 131.2 million gallons per year to 52.5 million gallons per year. The Pleasant Lake Management District requested donations from other lake districts to help defray their costs. If the Pleasant Lake Management District raises \$15,000 by year end, the River Alliance will match with a \$5,000 donation for the Pleasant Lakes legal fund.

The issue of making a donation to the Pleasant Lake Management District was discussed. Zimmer said "if you read between the lines" of the Court's decision, you will learn the Court limited only Richfield Farms. If other farms come into the area, they will be able to pump additional water, so the overall effect will be about the same as if Richfield Dairy was granted its original request to pump 131.2 million gallons per year. Mingus and Buck agreed the Pleasant Lake Management District has provided a service that will be beneficial to other lakes in the future. Therefore, they were inclined to make a \$250 contribution from the KWR administrative fund. Mingus moved and Buck seconded a motion for the KWR Lakes District to donate \$250 to the Pleasant Lake Management District to help defray their legal costs. These funds would come from the administrative account. Mingus and Buck voted in favor of this motion; Van Lanen abstained. The motion passed.

III. DISTRICT'S WEBSITE

At the Board's request, Candace Eiche, the website's administrator, attended the meeting. She addressed several ways the website can be made more attractive, helpful and interactive for members of the Lake District. Eiche's ideas were as follow:

A. USE A FACEBOOK FEED

Our website can be connected to Facebook at no cost. Those who are members of Facebook can enter postings on this Facebook feed. Those persons who are not members of Facebook can view the Facebook postings, although they will not be a member of Facebook themselves. Some concern was raised about our website being available to people all over the world. However, because persons would have to go to our website in order to find our Facebook

feed, this may not be highly likely. Ropella suggested as an alternative using a Microsoft program called Share Point. Eiche is going to compare Share Point to a Facebook feed, and then report back to us about which will serve our needs best.

B. USE GOOGLE CALENDAR

We can add Google Calendar to our website at no cost. Then calendars of events can be posted, such as the next District meetings, committee meetings that might be held, meetings regarding lake planning and other events with regard to our three lakes. Everyone who attended the meeting believed adding Google Calendar to our website would be a good idea.

C. ESTABLISH LINKS TO OTHER WEBSITES

Eiche recommended we establish links to other websites so persons going to our website could easily learn of activities in Waushara County and the Village of Wild Rose. Also, there could be links to Golden Sands Conservation District, to the Waushara County Watershed Lakes Council, to the We Really Kare Fishing Club, etc. Again, everyone in attendance believed establishing such links would be a good idea.

D. GREATER USE OF PHOTOS

One way to make our website more attractive would be to add photos to the website. Eiche is willing to post photos sent to her by members of the District. If we allow just anyone to post photos on our website, it is possible we will get some photos we do not want on the website. Therefore, it seemed to be a good idea to send such photos to Eiche who can then determine whether the photos are appropriate. In fact, Mingus moved and Buck seconded a two-part motion regarding establishing Eiche as the person to monitor the website to make sure nothing was being posted on it that was inappropriate, and set a maximum cost per year the District will pay Eiche for managing and monitoring our website. Mingus moved that Eiche be established as the monitor for our website and that the maximum cost per year for her services be set at \$500. Buck seconded this motion. The motion passed.

IV. LAKE REPORTS

A. KUSEL LAKE

Cason & Associates' fall survey of Kusel Lake found 6.5 acres of Erosion Water Milfoil (EWM), much of it on the west end of the lake. A lot of the EWM was in deeper water, which makes it harder to treat. Cason & Associates estimated the cost to treat the 6.5 acres of EWM to be a total of \$12,404. The breakdown is as follows:

Set up	\$ 450
Labor	700
Herbicide	<u>11,254</u>
Total	\$12,404

Buck had asked Brad Roost, the representative from Cason & Associates who monitors and treats Kusel Lake, why there was an increase in EWM in Kusel Lake this year. Roost said he did not know for sure. However, he speculated that last year the survey showed a small amount of EWM, but also a lot less native plants than normal. Perhaps, the lack of native

plants may have made it easier for EWM to take root this year.

B. WILSON LAKE REPORT

1. RESULTS OF AUTUMN SURVEY

Cason & Associates surveyed Wilson Lake, too. They found 12.7 acres of EWM, most of it in the western basin. The estimated cost to treat the 12.7 acres of EWM in Wilson Lake was a total of \$15,650. The breakdown is as follows:

Setup	\$ 450
Labor	1,300
Herbicide	<u>13,900</u>
Total	\$15,650

2. MANAGEMENT OF AERATORS

Van Lanen had set a date and time for aquatic biologists to perform maintenance on the aerators. Van Lanen and Zimmer were going to observe what maintenance was done, and then ask any questions they had about such continuing maintenance. However, Aquatic Biologists showed up at a time other than that arranged by Van Lanen. Therefore, neither Van Lanen nor Zimmer were present when the maintenance took place. Van Lanen intends to arrange a meeting of Aquatic Biologists with Zimmer and himself as soon as possible to determine what maintenance was done and what future maintenance needs to be accomplished.

3. PRIORITY LIST OF ISSUES FOR WILSON LAKE

Ropella said he had expected others on Wilson Lake to contact him to discuss a list of priorities for Wilson Lake. However, no such meeting had taken place. Therefore, no priority list has been prepared at the present time.

C. ROUND LAKE

Mingus reported Round Lake continues to have no problems with AIS. Mingus said he has discussed this issue with Roger Jansen and Mel Heaney who inspect the lake regularly, and they report Round Lake continues to self-regulate itself. Therefore, it does not need monitoring or treatment.

D. DISTRICT ISSUES

Buck reported the lake management planning sessions will be held in February, 2014. Representatives from UW-Stevens Point and Waushara County will be present for these planning sessions. Buck tried to schedule the meetings on weekends, but was told that was not possible. Therefore, Buck requested the meetings be held on Fridays. It appears such meetings can be held on Friday mornings starting in February, 2015.

Buck asked if any of the persons in attendance wanted to be involved in these planning sessions. Everyone in attendance wanted to be involved. Buck is going to forward their names and contact information to Ed Hernandez of the Waushara County Conservation Department so they will be notified when the planning sessions are actually scheduled. Any other District members who want to be involved in these planning sessions should contact Buck with

their name, home address, phone number and email address, so he can send it to Ed Hernandez and add them to the list of the persons who will participate in the planning sessions. This information can be sent to James Buck at jbuck@kleinstoddard.com.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Buck moved and Mingus seconded a motion for such adjournment. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James R. Buck". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

James R. Buck, Chairman/Secretary