

**KUSEL / WILSON / ROUND LAKES PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MARCH 16, 2013**

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

When: March 16, 2013 at 8:30 A.M.

Where: Springwater Town Hall, Waushara County, Wisconsin

Present: Paul Zimmer, Chairman; James Buck, Commissioner; and Dan Mingus, Commissioner;
Riparian Lake Owners: Richard Schroeder of Wilson Lake; Ken Nelson of Kusel Lake.

Zimmer called the meeting to Order at 8:30 A.M.

AT THE K/W/R LAKES MARCH 2013 BOARD MEETING THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED:

I. INSURANCE FOR COMMISSIONERS

Zimmer spoke with a Wisconsin State administrator who confirmed that all commissioners of Lake Districts have to be covered by workers compensation insurance. Zimmer believes that such insurance can be obtained from Farmers Insurance at the most economical cost. Zimmer will contact the local Farmers Insurance agent to confirm the cost of such insurance. Assuming it is reasonable, then Zimmer will take the necessary steps to obtain such insurance. The cost of such insurance will be paid from the Lake District's common fund.

II. FUTURE PROJECTS

A. DREDGING

Zimmer has contacted a dredging company about the cost of dredging both Wilson Lake and Kusel Lake. He was told the cost would be \$100,000.00 per lake. Obviously, the Lake District and the three lakes do not have enough money for such a project. However, Mingus pointed out that if dredging would resolve some of the sediment problems in Wilson Lake so that aerators would not be necessary, the savings in electrical costs would pay back Wilson Lake for the cost of such dredging over a period of time. Mingus estimated that electricity costs Wilson Lake about \$5,000.00 per year, so in twenty years the \$100,000.00 investment would be repaid. However, there would be no such offset of costs for dredging Kusel Lake. Also, because Kusel Lake does not have the sediment problem, the dredging would be to remove all or part of the sandbar in the middle of Kusel Lake, and possibly, to clean out the channel on the east end of the lake that runs from the lake to Evergreen Campsites. Buck observed that any such dredging will require the approval of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and it is difficult to obtain such approval. Zimmer suggested that we present this project to the Waushara County Watershed Lakes Council (WCWLC) and ask that it pay one-half (50%) of such dredging costs, or ask the farmers in the area to help pay for it, since the farmer's high capacity wells are endangering the lake levels in the area.

B. REPAIR DAM ON WILSON LAKE

The WDNR has notified Zimmer that it wants the dam for Wilson Lake repaired, especially the sides of the spillway of the dam, because they are deteriorating. Zimmer has not obtained an estimate of such repair, but he believes the cost would be substantial. Furthermore, Zimmer believes that the dam is operating properly, and it really does not need to be repaired. Also, there is an issue as to who actually owns the dam. A prior land owner of the dam says that it was sold to Wilson Lake for \$1.00. However, Wilson Lake does not exist as a legal entity. Therefore, it may have been sold to the Lake District. However, there is little, if any, documentation of said sale. Zimmer will continue to discuss this issue with the WDNR. Exactly, what the final resolution is unknown.

C. CREATION OF FISH HABITAT

The We Really Kare Fish Club has cut down ten to twelve large trees on the south side of Kusel Lake and allowed them to fall into the water so that they will create a fish habitat. It is hoped that fishing will improve in Kusel Lake, especially perch fishing.

III. ANNUAL BUDGETS

Zimmer said the Budget for Wilson Lake should be the same as it was last year. Buck reported that the Budget for Kusel Lake will be substantially more than it was last year, because more Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) was found in Kusel Lake. The cost of eradicating this EWM will be much more than it was last year. Buck estimated that the Budget for next year will be approximately \$16,000.00 compared to a little less than \$5,000.00 last year. Mingus said that he had no expenses budgeted for Round Lake. Then Mingus suggested that the Lake District have only one Budget, rather than separate Budgets for all three lakes. The cost for all three lakes would be paid by all riparian lake owners in the District. In the past, Round Lake has not wanted to pay for the cost of maintaining Kusel and Wilson Lakes, because it has not needed to pay for eradication of EWM or other Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). Also, because Wilson Lake has a constant cost for aerators, Round and Kusel Lake have not wanted to pay for the maintenance of Wilson Lake. However, Mingus argued that we should be a Unified Lake District, and that all expenses should be shared by all members of the Lake District. Ken Nelson commented that it will be difficult to convince the three lakes to share expenses equally. The Commissioners decided that this issue should be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

IV. ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting for the Kusel/Wilson/Round Lakes District will be held on June 1, 2013 at 8:30 A.M. at the Springwater Town Hall. The Annual Meeting will be held in four parts. First, the Lake District itself will hold a meeting, then Wilson Lake, Kusel Lake, and Round Lake will hold their meetings. Zimmer's three-year term as Commissioner is ending. Zimmer said he preferred not to serve another term as Commissioner. However, if no one else is willing to serve, then he may be willing to serve until another Commissioner can be found for Wilson Lake. As stated above the issue of unifying the Budgets from all three lakes will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Also, various projects for the lakes will be discussed.

V. OTHER ISSUES RAISED FROM THE FLOOR

A. NAME CHANGE

Ken Nelson suggested that the name of Kusel Lake be changed to Springwater Lake. He said that "Kusel" is an unusual name, and its origin is unknown. Nelson believes that Springwater would better describe the lake and its location in Wisconsin.

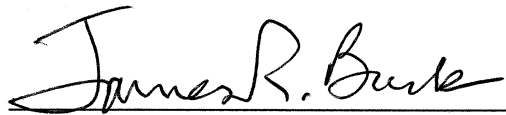
B. AUDIT

Zimmer and Mingus said that an audit of the financial statements will be prepared and ready for the annual meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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

James R. Buck, Kusel Lake Commissioner and
Secretary

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