

**KUSEL/WILSON/ROUND LAKES PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 1, 2013**

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

When: June 1, 2013 at 8:30 A.M.

Where: Springwater Town Hall, Waushara County, Wisconsin

Present: Paul Zimmer, Board Chairman and Wilson Lake Commissioner; James Buck, Secretary Kusel Lake Commissioner; and Daniel Mingus, Treasurer and Round Lake Commissioner.

Seventy nine (79) persons attended the annual meeting.

Zimmer called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. Zimmer called the roll, and Zimmer, Mingus, and Buck answered, "Present."

I. GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting of the Lake District was commenced at approximately 8:32 A.M.

A. MINUTES

Buck reviewed the minutes of the Annual Meeting of 2012 held on June 2, 2012. At the conclusion of Buck's review of the minutes of the 2012 Annual meeting, Mike Mauritz moved and Craig Strebig seconded a motion to accept the minutes as presented by Buck. The motion passed.

B. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mingus reported the District funds total \$104,370.19 as of May 31, 2013. These funds are divided into the following accounts:

1.	Administration Account	\$5,286.10
2.	Kusel Lake Account (includes CDs of \$10,839.42)	\$49,283.20
3.	Round Lake Account	\$3,350.01
4.	Wilson Lake Account (includes CDs of \$15,502.77)	\$46,450.88

Mingus reported that the Lakes District's accounts had been audited by Bob Ward, Marsha Morrow and Roger Jansen of Round Lake. Jansen said they found all of the accounts to be in order.

A motion was made by Karen Melcher and seconded by Sterling Strause to approve the financial report. The motion passed.

C. WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Zimmer reported that the State of Wisconsin has mandated that all Lake Districts

obtain workers compensation for all of its members and volunteers. Lake Associations do not have to have workers compensation insurance. Zimmer said he did not understand why the State of Wisconsin was mandating Lake Districts to have workers compensation insurance, when its commissioners and volunteers are not paid for their services. In addition Zimmer said he could not even obtain a "quote" for such insurance. Zimmer had talked to representatives of other Lake Districts who had told him that they were not obtaining workers compensation for their Districts at the present time. Zimmer thought that obtaining workers compensation insurance for the District commissioners and volunteers should be put "on hold." Art Melcher moved, and Steve Bielecki seconded a motion to not obtain workers compensation insurance at the present time, but instead to put the matter "on hold." The motion passed.

D. ELECTION OF COMMISSIONER FOR WILSON LAKE

Paul Zimmer's term as commissioner for Wilson Lake was expiring. Therefore, a commissioner for Wilson Lake had to be elected. Sterling Strause nominated John Van Lanan who lives on Wilson Lake. Jeremy Gorges nominated Jeremy Gabourey who owns property on Kusel Lake. Initially, Paul Zimmer was also nominated, but he declined the nomination. Van Lanan and Gabourey gave a short presentations about why they want to be commissioner for Wilson Lake. Then a vote was taken by secret ballot. The ballots were counted by Patti Bielecki and Judy Uhan. Van Lanan won the election by a vote of 32 to 26. Therefore, John Van Lanan will serve as the commissioner for Wilson Lake from June 2013 to June 2016.

E. DREDGING OF WILSON AND KUSEL LAKES

Zimmer explained that there is an obstruction between the east and west basins of Wilson Lake that needs to be removed. He believes dredging would be a good solution. Also, Zimmer is concerned that high capacity wells in the area adversely affect lake levels, and dredging may be necessary to maintain our lakes at all. Jeremy Gabourey from Kusel Lake said he is concerned that the sandbar in the middle of Kusel Lake impedes use of the lake by motorized water craft, including boats, pontoons, etc. Gabourey believes the sandbar should be dredged to remove this impediment.

Buck reported that he had spoken with Ted Johnson, the DNR Representative for Waushara County, about dredging the sandbar in Kusel Lake. While Johnson could not say that the DNR would never approve such dredging, he told Buck it was highly unlikely. Johnson said the sandbar was a natural phenomenon, and unless the sandbar was creating a danger, it was highly unlikely that the DNR would approve dredging it. Also, Johnson said that many large boats are creating large waves on small lakes that do a lot of damage to shorelines.

Zimmer was asked about the cost of such dredging. He said it would probably be in the neighborhood of \$100,000.00 per lake. He was asked who would pay for the cost of such dredging. Zimmer said that he hoped the State would help pay for some of the dredging, or perhaps, the users of high capacity wells in the area could be forced to help pay for the dredging. Otherwise, the dredging would be paid for by assessments on the riparian property lake owners.

James Button said that he had dredging done to the channel by Evergreen Campsite

about eight years ago, and it had cost approximately \$24,000.00. He said he thought dredging for Wilson and Kusel Lakes could be done at a cost less than \$100,000.00.

Some of the other persons attending the Annual Meeting spoke in favor of the dredging, and some spoke in opposition to it. Finally, a motion was made by Gary Gunderson and seconded by Susan Endress to form an ad hoc committee to study the issue and the cost of dredging on Wilson Lake and on Kusel Lake, and prepare separate reports for each lake which would be delivered to the Board, and then discussed at the next Annual Meeting. This motion passed.

After the meeting, a number of persons volunteered to be on this committee. Those persons are as follows: Dave Bischel, Roger Daume, Jeremy Gabourey, Earl Hill, Gary Jorstad, Vern (Tex) Keenlance, Andrew Long, Craig Strebig, and Paul Zimmer. Any other persons interested in being on this Ad Hoc Committee should contact one of the District's commissioners.

F. CONSOLIDATION OF BUDGETS

Zimmer brought up the issue of consolidating the budgets for the three lakes. As soon as he mentioned this subject, most of the persons in attendance at the Annual Meeting stated their opposition to such consolidation. Nevertheless, a motion was made by Patti Bielecki and seconded by Roger Daume to retain separate budgets for each lake. This motion passed unanimously.

G. ASSESSMENT OF OFF-LAKE PROPERTIES AND CAMPSITE PROPERTIES

Zimmer pointed out that the three lakes are handling the assessment of off-lake properties and campsites differently. Kusel Lake is assessing off-lake properties and taxable units in Evergreen Campsites, and it has been doing so for several years. The assessment has been \$10.00 or \$20.00 per year, depending upon the budgetary needs of the lake. Wilson Lake assessed its off-lake properties and the taxable units in Patzer Campsite and in Enchanted Forest Campsite one year only. Zimmer said Wilson stopped assessing the off-lake properties and the campsites, because Wilson Lake did not need the money.

Buck explained that Kusel Lake believes it is reasonable for off-lake properties and the taxable units in Evergreen Campsites to make a minimal contribution to the budget for Kusel Lake, because they derived benefit from the lake. Buck pointed out these off-lake and taxable units in Evergreen Campsites are taxed by Waushara County, Springwater Township, and the Wild Rose School District. Therefore, Buck argued that it was reasonable for the Lake District to do likewise. However, many persons in attendance believed this was unfair, especially for the taxable units in Evergreen Campsites, because they do not get notice that they are going to be assessed, and because they cannot vote about the assessment.

After a general discussion of this issue, a motion was made by Gary Gunderson and seconded by Sue Endress to maintain the status quo until the next annual meeting when this matter can be discussed further. Patti Bielecki moved to amend the motion, and Sue Endress seconded the motion to provide that the status quo would be maintained only if the off-lake lots and the campsites could vote about the assessment. The motion as amended passed. Therefore, the status quo regarding assessments for Kusel and Wilson Lakes would remain the same until the

next Annual Meeting when the issue could be discussed further. But then a motion was made by Jeremy Gorges and seconded by Patti Bielecki that no assessments should be made for the Evergreen Campsites for the 2013-14 year. This motion passed. In effect, this motion counteracted the earlier motion to maintain the status quo.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The general meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 A.M.

II. WILSON LAKE MEETING

A. ASSESSMENTS

Zimmer reported that he recommended that the assessment for the upcoming year remain at \$150.00 per riparian property owner on Wilson Lake. However, Steve Bielecki moved, and Mary Ellen Moffatt seconded a motion to make the assessment \$85.00 for the upcoming year. This motion passed.

B. REPAIR DAM

Zimmer said the dam on Wilson Lake needs to be repaired. He said the DNR had sent him a letter requiring such repair. Randy Jurewicz explained that the earth behind the plating for the dam is deteriorating; it is eroding. Jurewicz said dirt needs to be filled in behind the plating to maintain its position and integrity. Jurewicz said he was willing to do the work at no cost, as long as, the cost of materials, namely, boulders and gravel were paid for. Sterling Strause moved, and Gary Gunderson seconded a motion to have Jurewicz repair the dam at no cost for his labor and just for the materials, but not to exceed \$500.00. This motion passed.

C. ADJOURNMENT

The Wilson Lake meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 A.M.

III. KUSEL LAKE MEETING

A. ASSESSMENT

Buck explained the proposed budget for the 2013-2014 year. Buck explained that the cost to eradicate Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) would be greater this year than last year, because a greater amount of EWM was found in the lake than the prior year. Buck explained that Cason and Associates had told him the hot and dry summer of 2012 had allowed EWM to grow more in many lakes in Wisconsin than in prior years.

A number of Kusel Lake land owners asked if quotes from other environmental groups had been obtained about the cost of eradicating EWM. Buck said he had only worked with Cason and Associates, and believed they were doing a good job. Also, it was pointed out that Kusel Lake has a contract with Cason and Associates for the upcoming year. A number of Kusel Lake riparian land owners believed that it is reasonable for Kusel Lake to get other quotes about the costs of such work, rather than just from Cason and Associates. Therefore, Sue Endress moved and James Button seconded a motion to obtain additional quotes for the controlling of EWM for the next year.

The motion passed.

Buck pointed out that because an earlier vote had determined that off-lake lots and the Evergreen Campsites could not be assessed, his proposed budget had to be changed to provide that the 87 riparian lake owners on Kusel Lake would pay \$173.00 for the upcoming year, rather than the \$151.00 proposed. Sue Endress moved and Ken Nelson seconded a motion for the Kusel Lake assessment for the upcoming year to be \$173.00. The motion passed.

B. ADJOURNMENT

The Kusel Lake meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15 A.M.

IV. **ROUND LAKE MEETING**

A. ASSESSMENT

Roger Jansen explained that Round Lake has no problem with EWM or any other aquatic invasive species, because Round Lake is "self controlling." Therefore, Jansen moved and Susan Herman seconded a motion that there be no assessment for Round Lake for the coming year. This motion passed.

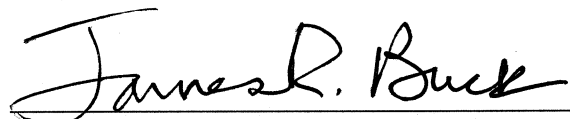
B. ADJOURNMENT

The Round Lake meeting adjourned at approximately 10:20 A.M.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James R. Buck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "B".

James R. Buck, Kusel Lake Representative and
Acting Secretary

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