

Rainbow Lake Water Protection District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
February 27, 2023

The Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Gorham at 9:01 a.m. at the Brighton Town Hall. In addition to Chairman Gorham, Commissioners present included Peter Shrope and Peter Geertz.

Board Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of the Commissioners on August 30, 2022 were unanimously approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Geertz reported that from August 30, 2022, to December 31, 2022, two bills were paid, the annual loan payment for \$19,942.08 and insurance premiums for \$3,050.00, leaving a year-end balance of \$23,636.83. Since the New Year, three additional bills were paid, the annual bill for maintenance to Randy Smith & Sons for \$3,125.00, the accounting bill for \$1,000.00 and an Adirondack Daily Enterprise bill for \$11.77. The bank balance as of February 27, 2023 was \$19,500.06. The bank balance was deemed reasonable to provide for future maintenance and contingencies.

Treasurer Geertz then reviewed the accountant's reviewed financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021. Peter Geertz was satisfied with the professionalism and response of the accounting firm. No exceptions to generally accepted accounting principles were noted. Year over year, cash dropped by \$402. After the third annual loan payment the balance is now \$193,276. The statements and related disclosure indicate that the district is in good financial condition. .

Dam Control and Maintenance

Roger Gorham presented the bill from Randy Smith & Sons, Inc. for 2022 dam maintenance (copy attached). The bill was slightly lower than the previous year and was deemed reasonable given the number of visits and work performed.

The annual record of flash board operation and dam maintenance and inspection reports were reviewed. No items requiring further action were noted.

Roger Gorham then presented the Emergency Notification Flowchart and noted that it will require updating when contact information changes. The board will continue to rely on Blue Mountain Engineering for required updates.

Commissioner Membership and Election of Officers

Roger Gorham referenced the current commissioners' terms and the Board's previous discussions of succession planning, which led to the proposal that Gary Leitsch be appointed to the RLWPD Board of Commissioners. This proposal was also endorsed in January by the Board of the Rainbow Lake Association. As a result, the commissioner's voted to request that the Franklin County Board of Legislators appoint Gary Leitsch to the RLWPD Board of Commissioners, effective July 16, 2023. Mr. Leitsch will replace Ralph Bennett whose term expires on July 15, 2023. The proposal was unanimously approved.

There was continued discussion concerning the need for staggering board member terms either via early replacement of an existing commissioner or shortened terms for future commissioners. The matter was deferred until a future meeting.

Peter Shrope presented a slate of officers for the upcoming year consisting of Roger Gorham as Chair and Peter Geertz as Secretary and Treasurer. The slate was unanimously approved.

Other:

There was discussion concerning the need for water gauges at sites other than at the dam. Roger Gorham will discuss with Steven Smith whether additional gauges would be helpful in monitoring lake levels and, if so, where they might be located.

The next meeting date will be held on June 5, 2023 at 9 a.m. at the Kushaqua Dam.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Geertz, Secretary

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Steven A. Smith, President

December 9, 2022

Rainbow Lake Water Protection
Rainbow Lake, NY

INVOICE FOR WORK PERFORMED DURING THE 2022 SEASON

<i>(12) Twelve Visits to the Dam @ \$175.00/each</i>	<i>\$2,100.00</i>
<i>(2) Two Inspection Reports @ \$175.00/each</i>	<i>350.00</i>
<i>Log Removal -</i>	
<i>11/1/22 - Log Removal</i>	<i>300.00</i>
<i>8/30/22 - Dam Meeting</i>	<i>175.00</i>
<i>5/21/22 - Removed Log Off of Dam and Cut Small Trees On Western Downstream Slope</i>	<i><u>200.00</u></i>

Total Amounts Due **\$3,125.00**