

**MINUTES OF THE KANKAKEE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION
HELD TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2012 AT
12:00 NOON CST
Bass Pro Shop Meeting Room
Portage, IN 46368**

Vice chairman Ken Purze called the meeting to order.

Secretary Jim Lambert called the roll.

Members present

Kevin Breitzke	Dennis Estok	Larry Fisher
Tony Hendricks	Jim Lambert	Tom Larson
John Law	Kim Peterson	Russ Pumroy
Ken Purze	Vince Urbano	Jim Walstra

Staff Present

Jody Melton

Jody Melton introduced Kim Peterson from the Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District. She will be the KRBC rep for Lake County.

Report of the Nominating committee

Russell Pumroy said that the nominating committee had discussed officers for 2013 and made a motion to reelect Chris Knochel as Chairman, Ken Purze as Vice Chairman, Jim Lambert as Secretary and Kevin Breitzke as Treasurer. Vince Urbano seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The slate of officers for 2013 was elected unanimously.

Ken Purze reminded the commission that this is the budget year for the Indiana legislature. The KRBC has prepared a booklet and made a request for \$2.5 million dollars. Please contact the local legislators.

Tom Larson, John Law, Tony Hendricks, and Kevin Breitzke volunteered to be a committee to look at the mission and vision statements of the KRBC which were last written 5 years ago. They will also look at logos for the KRBC to see if a new logo would help in 'branding' our work.

Tony Hendricks had a banner prepared for the KRBC for advertising which can be carried from event to event. The cost was \$150 dollars. Vince Urban made a motion seconded by Russ Pumroy to reimburse Tony Hendricks \$150 for the banner.

Jim Walstra and Vince Urbano reported that the work on the river levee in Jasper County was due to begin. Kevin Breitzke has received 3 permits for levee work in Porter County and was able to get the log jams out of the river in time for the 150 paddlers to make their annual paddle from English Lake to Dunns Bridge on October 20. Tom Larson asked about the culvert work in Shelby but there were no representatives from Lake County present. Dennis Estok reported that the 3 County Drainage Board continued its work with Christopher Burke Engineering, and Ken Purze said that he continued to study the Lomax Station opportunity.

There being no other business, the KRBC adjourned to meet again on January 24th, 2013 at the Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area HQs in North Judson.