

**MINUTES OF THE KANKAKEE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION  
HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2010 AT  
9:30 AM CDT  
KANKAKEE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA HEADQUARTERS  
4320 W. TOTO ROAD  
NORTH JUDSON, IN 46366**

Chairman Chris Knochel called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jody Melton introduced Bruce Shepherd, the new KRBC member representing Jasper County SWCD.

Secretary Jim Lambert called the roll.

*Members present*

Eric Blad	Kevin Breitzke	Dan Bridegroom
Dennis Estok	Tony Hendricks	Chris Knochel
Jim Lambert	Tom Larson	John Nelson
Russ Pumroy	Ken Purze	Ken Sebasty, Sr.
Bruce Shepherd	Jim Walstra	

*Guests Present*

Jim Carter	Gus Ellicott	Jim Fahey
Jerry Gumz	Don Lambert	Harvey Nix
Joe Skelton	Mark Wunderink	David Zack

*Staff Present*

Jody Melton

Chris Knochel asked for self introductions from all guests.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Dennis Estok asked that the September 21, 2010 minutes be amended to include wording outlining the KRBC policy of making emergency money available to any county with no emergency funds left if funds are available and an emergency exists. Ken Purze made a motion to approve the September 23, 2010 meeting minutes as amended. Russell Pumroy seconded and the minutes were approved.

### **Finance Report**

The financial statement is included. LaPorte and Newton County will be paying their share of 2010 dues. Russ Pumroy moved to accept the report, Kevin Breitzke seconded. Ken Sebasty Sr. reported that St. Joseph Co. will again start paying its dues in 2011. Report was accepted.

### **Old Business**

Ken Purze said that the 3 County Drainage Board met and authorized work to begin on the sediment traps. The Board is working with the Starke County Drainage Board and Dennis Estok to coordinate an application for funds through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) for log jams removal in the Yellow River. Edwin Buswell of the Kankakee Iroquois Regional Planning Commission will help with the grant application.

Ken Purze reporting for the Lease Committee discussed the review that the committee had made of the lease agreement at Rivers Edge Farm and the situation of rent and the house. The Committee is recommending that the KRBC leave the lease in the hands of the current tenant and the committee will review the expenses and profits for 2010. Kevin Breitzke made a motion to leave the lease in the current tenant's hands through 2011. Jim Walstra seconded and the motion was approved.

Jody Melton reported that the work at Sumava Resorts has been addressed by IDNR as constructed under an emergency and is still under review by the Corps of Engineers and IDEM.

Dan Gardner reported that the Lake County Drainage Board is still awaiting permits from IDNR for the work on the Williams Levee from US 41 to the State Line.

Jody Melton called attention to the letter in the packet from the KRBC Chairman to the Lake County Council and Plan Commission saying the KRBC did not favor a quarry being built where proposed on Clay Street in Lake County.

Ken Purze passed around the draft copy of the Legislative Request for 2011 that the KRBC is presenting to the Legislature. The goal was to finish the document by the first of November. Jody Melton is putting the finishing touches on it. He hopes to add a map to the final copy before distribution. Ken Purze made a motion, seconded by Jim Lambert, that the Legislative request document be printed and distributed. Motion was approved.

### **New Business**

Vince Urbano, Jim Walstra, and Jody Melton told the KRBC that they have been discussing in Jasper County the situation along the Kankakee River bank near 1500 North in Keener Township. Because of the existing houses on the levee, it presents an interesting problem. OCRA has been contacted as well as Homeland Security to discuss possible solutions to the instability of the levee and the potential for major flood damage.

### **Other Business**

Chairman Chris Knochel appointed Russell Pumroy, Tom Larson, and Jim Lambert to the Nominating Committee for officers for 2011.

The next meeting of the KRBC will be January 27, 2011 at the Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Headquarters at 9:30 am CST. The meeting was adjourned.