

Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2025

Kushaqua Lake Outlet Dam

The Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Leitsch at 9:05 a.m. at the Kushaqua Lake Outlet Dam. In addition to Chairman Leitsch, commissioners present included Peter Shrope, Steven Samuels, Gordon Sawyer, and Peter Geertz. Also present were Steve Smith and John Carr.

1. Board Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of the Commissioners on February 12, 2024, were unanimously approved as presented.

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Peter Geertz reported the following:

- As of February 3, 2025, the district's balance was \$14,921.43.
- A tax payment of \$30,700 was received.
- An expenditure of \$18.37 was made to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise.
- As of June 10, 2025, the balance was \$45,603.06.

The report was accepted as submitted.

3. Dam Control and Maintenance

- a. The Spring Dam Inspection Report was reviewed and discussed.
- b. A walkabout and Q&A session was held with Stephen Smith and John Carr.
- c. The board discussed next steps to address wing wall cracks, with further evaluation and estimates to be gathered before proceeding. Steve Smith and John Carr discussed placement of two pieces of steel on a specific point of the wing wall to use for further assessment of any further shifting and movement of the supporting walls.

4. Policy and Procedure Updates

- a. The Dam Operation Contact Information and Emergency Operation Instructions 2024 were reviewed.
- b. The board discussed and approved the updated Policy and Procedures for the Operation of the Flash Boards and the Performance of Dam Maintenance at the Rainbow Lake Water Protection District Dam, Town of Franklin, Franklin County, New York (NYS Dam No. [182-1308](#) – Kushaquia Lake Outlet Dam), as attached.

5. Succession Planning for Board of Commissioners

- a. The board unanimously approved the extension of Steven Samuels' term as Commissioner.

6. New Business

- a. There was discussion of extending the chain link fence from the existing fencing around the dam for safety reasons. Steve Smith will provide an estimate of the cost of this maintenance.
- b. The next meeting will be held at the Brighton town Hall on August 18, 2025 at 9 AM

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.