

Flowage Preservation Alliance

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It's Official! We have a Lake District! The Conover Town Board has granted our petition and created our lake district: Resolution 141-14 creating the Little Tamarack Flowage Baker Spring Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District was adopted 11 March at the Conover Town Board Meeting. The Town Board resolution creating the Lake District has been recorded by the Town Clerk with the Vilas County Register of Deeds. The DNR has been sent a copy of the Resolution. This completes the very important task of creating the Lake District.

Board of Commissioners: The Conover Town Board will serve as the interim Board of Commissioners of the Lake District until the first annual meeting of owners this summer. Notice of the date and time of this annual meeting will be provided well in advance to all Lake District property owners.

We will be circulating a Petition in the next few months for property owners to sign, asking the Town Board to convert the Lake District Board to a five member Board - including three Lake District property owners, insuring that we have a majority voice on the Board. Those three property owner representatives will be elected by the Lake District property owners at the annual meeting. The remaining two Board Members would be chosen, one by the Town of Conover Board and the other by Vilas County Board. This is all as provided by Wisconsin Statute.

Dam Hazard Rating: Between now and the Annual Meeting this summer, we will also be working alongside the Town Board (acting as the temporary Lake District Board) to be sure that the DNR formally reduces the Dam Hazard rating from high to low, now that the Flowage Dam Flood shadow has been incorporated into the Vilas County Flood Plain ordinance.

Dam Ownership: We also will be moving forward with Dam ownership issues, including Flowage and dam fill easement transfers and preparing for the Dam Permit application process, including approaching the DNR regarding repair/restoration requirements for our Dam.

Lots still to be done, but so much has been accomplished since our meeting last 4th of July weekend. Thank you to everyone for your patience and help.

Rich Ruffalo, President