

Flowage Preservation Alliance

January Update

Happy New Year to all of us who love the Flowage, Baker and Spring Lakes. Much has been accomplished towards our goal, and here is the update, copied from the newsletter that all Lake District property owners received. We apologize if you previously received this; however good news is sometimes worth reading twice!

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Dear Property Owners:

We would like to update everyone on our January 2nd Lake District meeting and where we stand on repairing our dam.

The Board has received the \$150,000.00 that we borrowed from the Wisconsin Department of Public Lands to fund our construction project expected to take place this spring. This leaves a current balance of \$159,000.93 in our bank account.

We will be renewing our Lake District insurance policy for 2016 at the cost of \$1,100.00. We will also have our insurance carrier, the Horton Group, present all insurance options available to us as well as quote us the cost of the additional premium to add Dam owner's liability insurance to our policy and also include the three property owners, Green, Lenz and Pokorny, as additional insureds.

The property owner easements have been signed and recorded and the boundary line by agreement transaction has been completed.

Bob Senechalle has prepared an Emergency Action Plan, which is required by the DNR and worth points on our Dam Grant application. This EAP was accepted and signed by the County and formally approved by the DNR. Bob also prepared an Inspection, Operation and Maintenance plan that again was approved by the DNR and is worth points on the Grant application. Rich Ruffalo has agreed to serve as the Lake District's lead person on both of these plans.

The Grant application also awards points if we have final plans and specifications for the construction work on file and formally approved by the DNR. On December 28th the DNR issued the Lake District a letter formally approving the Little Tamarack Flowage Dam repair plans submitted by Ayres. Bob completed the Municipal Dam Grant Application and submitted it to the DNR grant administrator in Madison on December 29th. The Grant results are scheduled to be announced on March 28th, 2016.

The Board on behalf of the Lake District thanks Bob Senechalle for his extensive research and work on fulfilling all the requirements needed to prepare the EAP and the IOM plans and complete the Grant Application.

At this point the Board has requested Ayres to go ahead and prepare bids for the reconstruction that we hope to begin in the spring.

The DNR has also brought to our attention that they are concerned with the existing culvert. They feel that once the new outlet structure (whistle tube apparatus) is installed the old culvert will be the weak link in our Dam. Since the Board feels that the existing culvert is the property of the Town, the Board feels that the Town should take the lead role in dealing with the DNR on the possible culvert removal. Karl has placed this issue on the Town agenda for their January meeting. The DNR informed us that there are funds up to \$50,000.00 available to assist towns in the removal of the culvert under the Abandoned Dam Removal Program.

The Board has agreed that our Annual meeting will be held on July 2, 2016. The time will be determined at our next Board meeting which is scheduled for March 5th in the Town Center at 1 p.m.

Regards

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Secretary, Lake District

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