

FROM RLPOA PRESIDENT, BOB STRACHOTA:

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Attention Round Lake Property Owners:

The heavy email traffic and the recent article in the Sawyer County Record on the water management issue have raised many questions concerning the intentions of the RLPOA leadership in regard to the Temporary restraining Order (TRO). Please read our website www.roundthelake.com carefully for the official position of the RLPOA. Please note that the RLPOA was not quoted or asked to comment in the recent Sawyer County Record article on this subject.

RLPOA wants to actively manage and mitigate high and low water extremes and would like the Round Lake water level actively managed at the 1941 PSC Order. This is a little more than a foot higher than right now.

The reason for the Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) is not because we are more concerned about high water than low water or vice versa. It is simply because the county came up with a plan to donate County Highway NN culverts to the LCO tribe to get out of its legal responsibility to manage water on Round Lake whether high or low. The NN culverts are an integral part of the overall Round Lake water management plan and are a primary high water control. The WDNR has given Sawyer County two NN culvert options. Either modify them or make an application to WDNR to have existing culverts permitted as a dam. Without the NN culvert modifications comprehensive Round Lake water management falls apart including low water management. The Round Lake Chain Management Plan final draft March 2008 written by Sawyer County recommended that the county apply for permits to lower the CTH NN culverts. This was approved by Sawyer County Board of Supervisors on November 13, 2007 and subsequently WDNR on April 23, 2008 granted certification for NN culvert replacement. It should be acted upon accordingly and the county should not renege on its responsibilities. Giving the NN culvert land to the LCO tribe complicates or negates any chance to manage water on Round Lake according to the 1941 PSC Order or any other reasonable compromise. The TRO is intended to stop the county's action to shrug their water management and legal responsibilities.

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