

Preview Copy of upcoming Special Water Newsletter

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*Important update information that could
affect your WATER RIGHTS and
PROPERTY VALUES!*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2007 @ 9:00 AM

**ROUND LAKE TOWN HALL
(County Road A - south of Hwy 77)**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
ROUND LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

Please mark your calendars and attend this very important meeting.

**The Sawyer County's proposed
Round Lake Management Plan will be the topic of discussion.
Please answer our survey questions.**

March 30, 2007

Dear Round Lake Property Owner:

We bring you an update from the Round Lake Property Owners Association regarding the water level issues on Round Lake. Last fall RLPOA recommended that more engineering be done to evaluate Round Lake Water Levels. The Short Elliott and Hendrickson Engineering (SEH) Firm recently completed that work and has recommended the following in part:

1. The existing 10' Carlson Road Dam be replaced with an approximately 30' low water dam or weir with a notch in the middle of it.
2. Beaver Dams be managed downstream so they do not backup to Round Lake.
3. NN culverts be managed, adjusted or changed to maximize control of Round Lake, Osprey Lake and The LCO land downstream.
4. The new proposed 100 year flood level for Round Lake is 1346.98 feet above sea level about 1.5 feet above what FEMA has been using. Little Round Lake is 1346.97 feet above sea level. This is waiting for DNR approval in about 60 days.

The complete engineering reports can be found at: www.roundthelake.com

We were all pleased by what we see as a favorable engineering report (excluding the new flood levels) and the possible change in Sawyer County attitude. Before this the county had a strong predilection for dam abandonment and vacating the 1941 PSC order which would release them from all responsibility. Now the county at least preliminarily seems amenable to a new dam and more studies. We need to watch the County closely because they may still favor the so called passive non-management plan.

All homeowners should know that the Sawyer County Board on 2/15/2007 voted to abandon the Placid Diversion canal from The Tiger Cat Flowage to Round Lake. The RLPOA's position is that all water control structures should be left intact and not abandoned until the new dam or weir is approved/permitted and funded. A public hearing will be announced in the future concerning the Diversion Canal and the Round Lake Water Level issue recommendations.

Sawyer County's proposed abandonment of the Lake Placid Diversion Channel and the prevailing 1941 government regulating orders may have an adverse effect on your shoreline and property values. The decision that Sawyer County makes will directly affect you and all the citizens of Sawyer County who use the lake. The county and DNR would also like to abandon the Carlson Road Little Round Lake Dam the main controlling mechanism for Round Lake water levels. We want to make sure it is replaced with a somewhat larger modern low water dam as recommended by SEH.

The Round Lake Property Owners Association does not support Sawyer County in their desire to abdicate all responsibility in the management of water levels. Please think over how this directly affects you. If you are able to offer your time, expertise or other resources to the association - now is the time! Your association's role is to keep you informed and do what the members want, but the association is a volunteer organization and does not have the financial, technical or human resources to meet the challenges being presented to us by the county.

There are three Sawyer County Board Members (Districts 2, 4 and 5) who represent Round Lake, Little Round Lake and Osprey Lake. www.sawycountygov.org has information on these representatives. Fred Zietlow (phone # 715-634-3919) represents District 5 which includes the South & SW part of Round Lake, all of Little Round Lake and most of Osprey Lake. His address is: PO Box13324, Hayward, WI 54843. Mr. Zietlow is not in favor of the RLPOA Inc. water level position. Please let Mr. Zietlow know your position on the water level issue.

The next Round Lake Property Owners Association meeting is **Saturday, May 26, 2007 at 9:00 am**. This meeting will be held at the Round Lake Hall (off Highway A, just south of Highway 77). The public is welcome to attend and we hope you will. In the meantime, we encourage you to volunteer your time or expertise to the association. Thank you for your interest in keeping our lake the best it can be!

Sincerely,

Round Lake Property Owners Association Board Members –

Bob Strachota, President
Tom Kintzinger, Vice President
John Otterlei, Treasurer
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For up to date information please refer to our website: www.roundthelake.com

HELP US STAY IN TOUCH AND PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. Do you want RLPOA to support the SEH engineering recommendations?

YES NO N/A or No Comment

2. As a **last** option and only if necessary should RLPOA initiate legal action?

YES NO N/A or No Comment

3. Are you willing to donate time, money or expertise?

YES NO N/A or No Comment

4. Do you support abandoning the Placid Diversion Canal from the Tiger Cat flowage?

YES NO N/A or No Comment

Please help us stay in touch with you by providing your contact information. Using e-mail as often as possible is fast, efficient and cost-effective.

By completing and returning this form, you agree to allow the Round Lake Property Owners Association to contact you regarding Round Lake matters.

Owner's Name(s) _____

Round Lake Address: _____

Preferred Mailing
Address:
(if different from above)

E-Mail Address(es) _____

Telephone Number: Home: _____ Lake _____

**Optional*

Office:* _____ Cell:* _____

Occupation:* _____

Please contact me regarding volunteer opportunities: _____

Comments:

ROUND LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS – 2007 DUES

If you have not yet paid your 2007 dues, this is the perfect time to do so. Check the date (ex. '07) next to your name on the mailing label - this indicates the year you are paid through. If there is no date it means you have never paid.

Dues remain only \$20.00 per year. If you desire to pay for more than one year at a time, we gladly accept multiple year memberships. Your continued support is needed to keep our lakes in good condition.

Thanks for your support!

_____ Enclosed are my dues of \$20.00 for calendar year 2007

_____ Enclosed are other donations that I would like to contribute as follows
(i.e. Milfoil Fund or other - please describe)

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