

*Round Lake  
Property Owners Association, Inc.*

P.O. Box 1070 • Hayward, Wisconsin 54843

February 14, 2007

Sawyer County Board of Supervisors  
406 Main Street  
Hayward, WI 54843

RE: Round Lake Water Levels

Madame Chairman and Fellow Board Members:

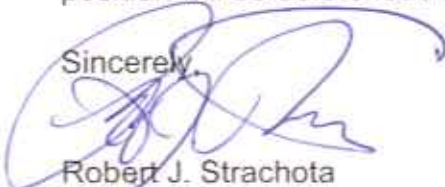
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The RLPOA membership represents over 400 homeowners of the total 600+ property owners. Your approach to water management has been thoroughly discussed at several board meetings as well as numerous general membership meetings. There is overwhelming opposition to the "passive" approach and we insist that a public hearing be scheduled well in advance and at a convenient time and place for summer residents. Over and over again, lake owners mention the large amounts of real estate taxes paid by property owners and how they believe the County has the obligation to actively manage the Big and Little Round Lake water levels.

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We urge you to heed the request of the RLPOA. The consequences of ignoring our position will be deleterious for all of us.

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Robert J. Strachota  
President

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ROUND LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Board Member

ROUND LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS POSITION STATEMENT  
ON THE WATER LEVEL OF ROUND LAKE

The undersigned, the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of Round Lake Property Owners Association, Inc (RLPOA), a Wisconsin not-for-profit corporation, hereby certifies that the following is a true, correct and complete copy of the resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors on September 23, 2006, and the same is and remains in full force and effect without amendment or modification.

Resolved, that:

- 1) The Wisconsin DNR proposal to abrogate the 1941 PSC order and to abandon the Little Round Lake dam and make the drainage system passive is totally unacceptable to RLPOA.
- 2) RLPOA strongly supports a water management system for Round Lake under which the DNR will establish a normal water level and a maximum water level three inches above the normal water level with clear instructions to the county as to when stop logs must be placed or removed so the water level does not exceed the maximum and water can be conserved during dry periods.
- 3) RLPOA strongly urges the county to engage SEH to recommend normal, maximum, and to the extent feasible, minimum water levels based upon environmental, ecological, navigation, property values, and intrinsic factors and to specify the control structures that would be necessary to achieve such recommendations after the submission of which RLPOA would make its final recommendation as to the range of water levels.

David A. Andersen  
Secretary, Round Lake Property Owners Association

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September 3, 2003

Sawyer County Board of Supervisors  
406 Main  
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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)  
905 Hwy 27  
Hayward WI 54843

Ladies and Gentlemen:

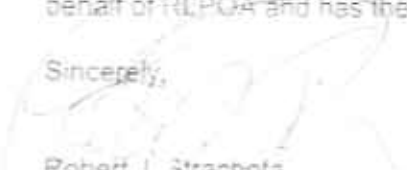
The water level of Round Lake (including Little Round) is of great concern to the Round Lake Property Owners Association (RLPOA). This subject matter has been the source of more discussion by lake owners than any other topic this year. We are aware of the results of the Sawyer County questionnaire and have informally evaluated the membership's position at our recent association meeting and at an executive meeting of the board.

This letter formally sets forth the majority position of RLPOA. The executive board and the RLPOA believe that the water level that has prevailed for most of this summer (even though up to six inches or so above the authorized lake level of 77.0 feet) should be left alone to the normal forces of nature. We believe that the natural course of nature will balance the water level over time within acceptable tolerances that the lake has experienced over the past 25 years. In other words, sometimes the lake level will be slightly high and sometimes it will be slightly low but always targeting the existing authorized lake level. We expect that Sawyer County and the DNR will maintain and manage the waterway systems in and out of the lake in a responsible manner so as to be able to quickly control the extreme circumstances of high or low water. Whatever actions are needed by Sawyer County or the DNR to be in a state of readiness should be attended to so that responsive action can be taken immediately for extreme circumstances.

There has been discussion by the County and the DNR about reevaluating Round Lake's historic water levels. The RLPOA wants to be intimately involved in any and all new proposals for managing the lake. At this time RLPOA does not support a change in the historic lake levels and does not believe that the matter needs to be reevaluated.

Thank you for your attention on this matter. If you have questions or would like to discuss the matter further, please call. I can be reached at my office in Minneapolis on 612-333-6533. Additionally, please be aware that Bill Whitlock chairs the Governmental Awareness Committee and has appeared and will continue to appear at public meetings on this subject. He speaks on behalf of RLPOA and has the full support of the executive board.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Strachota  
President of RLPOA

Resolved, that the official position of the RLPOA on the issue of the water level of Round Lake established by resolution on August 19, 2005, remains as stated with the following additions.

- 1) The study being done by SEH must establish the normal and the maximum lake elevations considering at minimum ecology, property values, access, and navigability.
- 2) The RLPOA does not support a passive water level management system; we expect the Wisconsin DNR to order an active system that the county will implement and manage.

Dated: August 19, 2005

David A. Andersen  
Secretary, Round Lake Property Owners Association

## CERTIFICATE

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Resolved, that the official position of the Round Lake Property Owners Association on the issue of the water level of Round Lake is that we are not certain whether or not the level of the lake in recent years has been within the limits established by the 1941 PSC order but that the association supports what the average has been over the past 25 years whether that complies with the 1941 order or not. We expect that Sawyer County and the DNR will maintain and manage the waterway systems in and out of the lake in a responsible manner so as to be able to quickly control the extreme circumstances of high or low water.

Dated: December 23, 2005

David A. Andersen  
Secretary, Round Lake Property Owners Association