

07/06/2007: PUBLIC MEETING: DNR approves new SEH flood levels that are NOT compatible/consistent with the 1941 PSC order making Round Lake flood levels HIGHER than they should be without getting any easements from Round Lake owners. SEH Round Lake Hydraulic analysis is NOT in compliance with present law/the 1941 PSC order. The 1941 order authorizes much higher flow rates in the channel downstream of the Carlson Dam than are used in the above SEH reports.

County has already been successfully sued for not adhering to 1941 PSC Order.

SEH Bernard Lenz says in part that 1941 PSC order is not realistic because they did not have computers back then and he alleges that the outlet channel from Little Round to Osprey Lake may have never had the higher flow rates authorized by that order! Opinion-this is not conclusively proven.

SEH apparently was not asked to develop or design a plan to comply with 1941 PSC Order or anything close to it.

Round Lake Property Owners Association expressed preliminary desire to raise the 1941 PSC order by several inches above 1345 feet or 77.25 feet local datum. Opinion- Would keep new proposed higher level below Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM). This may allow the lake to be managed to 1345 feet and still have some leeway when a heavy rain may transiently raise the lake level.

Round Lake homeowners want continued "active" management of water levels with reasonable protection from both high and low water extremes and would like to work as a true partner with the County & DNR. Round Lake owners prefer the lake level to be what it has been on the average over the last 25 years which is probably above the 1941 PSC order.

RLPOA has averaged over 300 paid members last 5 years. We had almost 400 paid members last year. We receive membership dues the whole calendar year and do a final membership tally at end of year.

Osprey Lake level historically several feet below what it is now as speculated by Dave Kafura of the DNR based on large submerged White Pine stumps in the Little Round outlet channel.

It is our opinion that County & some in DNR appear to believe Beaver Dams will be adequate to control Round & Little Round Lakes.

It is our opinion that management problems on Round Lake appear to have started about 12 years ago. Dale Olson (county Conservationist) states that he has put boards in Carlson Dam only a few (about 3) times over last 12 years. It is our opinion that this is why we have been having many more late summer/fall extreme low water periods thus eliminating Round Lake

storage capacity and ability to comply with minimum flow requirements to our downstream neighbors on a sustained basis.

It appears DNR, SEH & County do not want to clearly tell the public (or don't know/or have not studied this situation) what will happen to Round Lake if 1941 order is vacated and Carlson Dam is abandoned. When a dam is abandoned a "scouring study" is reportedly important and this has not been done.

It is reported that Barr Engineering has a plan to competently manage Round & Little Round Lakes. 07/08/07: Hausman will reportedly release copyright on \$250,000 Barr Engineering Report to RLPOA to preserve & protect Round Lake only.

It is our opinion that County & SEH appear to have nothing but excuses & that Frank Dallam (DNR Water Regulations & Zoning Engineer) will approve anything that leads to a "passive" management system on Round/Little Round Lakes.

Its our opinion that Sawyer County verbal claim of impartiality is contradicted by their actions by applying to abandon the Placid Diversion Canal and their documented attempts to modify the RLPOA Partner Statement. SEH engineering work done not consistent with 1941 PSC also indicates opposite intent.

It is our opinion that County may not have spent the \$98,000 on SEH Engineering wisely-opinion-no clear mission, inconclusive and non compliant with existing law or 1941 PSC order.

Several People commented on lost property tax revenue from Round Lake if active management is officially stopped on Round Lake. It was made clear that if some homeowners tax bills go down others would have to go up-even those not living on Round Lake.

Kafura of DNR reaffirms DNR opinion that State of WI has control of all navigable waters and that they can remove obstructing beaver dams after giving proper notice and without trespassing on land.