

Round Lake Management Meeting August 24, 2006 Summary

The meeting started with the moderator Kris Tiles giving some handouts about negotiating and coming to a civil agreement without getting personal.

Then a summary of group goals was elicited: (paraphrasing)

Shirley Riedmann stated that she wants an objective process to manage the water level on the whole watershed not just Round Lake. She also wanted to know where would the lake be measured.

Kris Mayberry stated how do we and can we manage extreme water levels? In light of water level variations during last 25 years?

Kris Tiles stated what should water level be and how do we manage it?

Gauges will need to be correlated and what is acceptable water level range.

Jim Hausman stated what is the real water level now according to 1941 PSC order?

Bill Whitlock stated that RLPOA has over 300 members that pay dues and they have diverse opinions as does the board. However there was unanimous Board opinion concerning The RLPOA water level certificate dated 12,23,2005. All Board members want to have some control over extreme high or low water levels. All Round Lake owners get mailings from RLPOA depending on accuracy of addresses. Mr. Whitlock also stated that he wanted to know how we can reliably determine what the water level is.

The DNR Mr. Frank Dallum said the most reliable gauge is on the Little Round Lake Dam now. This gauge has been there the longest and there is the most data on. This gauge may not be the same or consistent with the 1941 PSC. The Kaiser resort on Round Lake mentioned in 1941 order no longer exists. The technical team wants to use the gauge on the Little Round Lake Dam. He said that levels on Round Lake can vary by two inches at the same time depending on “surge” or “wind fetch”.

On Osprey Lake there is no gauge. On the Tiger Cat there is a gauge on the Dam. Mr. Dallum stated that lets not go backwards and dwell on the 1941 PSC.

Another statement was made concerning what the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) has been over the last 25 years on Round and Osprey Lakes.

Jim Hausman wanted to know how we correct bad datum or incorrect statements. How do we verify data?

Everything must be legal and verifiable.

What are the water level effects on ecology.

Shirley Riedmann stated that she wanted to know what the water level would do to property values and property rights.

Then after a break INTERESTS were stated:

Lets foster Natural health of Round and Osprey Lakes.

Hausmann: Protect ecology and property rights.

Whitlock: Conserve water in times of low water to aid access to lake.

Unknown official: Determine/set or abandon 1941 PSC using proper legal process.

Riedmann: want flexibility in managing lake under natural phenomena such as drought and heavy rain.

Kris Mayberry: What is the county responsibility clear and reasonably defined.

Tiger Cat Stan Strainis.: We don't want Tiger Cat level lowered.

Unknown officials: NN culverts set to right level to allow for acceptable water level range. Reduce invasive species, erosion, and structural decay.

Whitlock: We want to quickly eliminate excessively high water to prevent erosion, floods, to protect property values and enhance lake quality.

Riedmann: Wants one point of accurate Round lake level measurement and everyone to agree. Wants fairness.

Hausmann: What will be done about sedimentation over last 5 years by Marina, Ran D's and in channels?

FEMA flood maps mentioned by public observer but not recognized.

Kris Mayberry: Stated that RLPOA seems to want all owners satisfied concerning high and low water levels. The county wants a "reasonable" range and may not be able to satisfy everyone. The county wants a reasonable sustainable management plan.

Riedmann: The public wants to know why is the task force doing this and that people are happy with Round Lake now and understand natural processes and lake level variations. The public does not understand why we want to change something or the water level.

Hausmann: Believes there are financial interests of developers on Osprey Lake whose projects are not "taking off".

Tiles: Do we need other people or more information.

Hausmann: Barr Engineering report is accurate and RLPOA/Whitlock has report but can't release it.

Dallum: We would need background information for any report also.

Shirley Riedmann wants public brought in now before a lot of them leave the area this fall. She wants public informational meetings and public input about what direction to go in. She wants public suggestions, options and wants to know what the public thinks.

Whitlock: Wants to know what the engineers say about the passive management plan before we go to the public. We need engineering report for any lake management option.

Hausmann: Round Lake will drop 2 to 5 feet if Little Round Dam taken out and NN culverts dropped.

Dallum: People want to know about change if the Round lake level is going to be changed.

Tiger Cat Stan Strainis: Contact Round lake owners and do survey. It was noted that this has been done.

Riedmann: Stated that this is bigger than the RLPOA and that all the public owns the lake. She stated that we have obligation to ask all the public about what should be done.

Hausman: Stated that if nothing is changed then the only thing to be decided is how do we manage the water level.

Riedmann: Stated that she never heard about dredging Osprey Creek between Osprey Lake and Little Round Lake. She said that people think we are holding something back and that we owe the public all the facts and information. People want to know what is going on and the public should let us know what direction to go in. We should get an 800# and email address for public input. We need to correct misinformation and this needs to be done by Oct 15 because a lot of people will be gone.

Hausmann: Don't raise the level above 77.25 which is the 1941 PSC. If this is done then this will be an illegal taking of private property. If this is done then the county needs to get easements signed by Round Lake owners sic like Tiger Cat some years ago.. Otherwise we just need to regulate level according to 1941 PSC order with existing structures.

Tiles is concerned with meeting structure process and if this process is working. Karen Vermillion was an observer and working for her Masters in mediation. She had prior work history with DNR, Great Lake Wildlife and teaching. She may be able to help.

Riedmann: Wants objective data and timeline. She wants an endpoint and wants this done by end of year. Wants public info in Sep.

Tiles wants to meet two times per month to get this project done. Wants an actual Water Level next meeting. Agrees reluctantly to have a press release and email address for public input. Agrees reluctantly to have FAQ list for public like Riedmann and a couple of other attendees have suggested.

Bill Whitlock: The 1941 PSC should be highlighted and people need to know this and it can't be ignored. It should be in an appendix of final management "report". Tiles reluctant about this but Mr. Whitlock insists that this is very important.

The next meeting is 9/14/2006 from 1-4PM at DNR offices.

There will also be a meeting on 9/28/2006 at DNR offices from 9AM to noon.

This is just a brief incomplete outline of Round lake Management Meeting 8/24/2006 done by website administrator Tom Kintzinger. Best efforts were made for accuracy and completeness but are not guaranteed. If there is any disagreement or other interpretation of meeting please let me know. Tk25@roundthelake.com

