

Minutes

Round Lake Management Planning August 9, 2006

**Sawyer County Courthouse, Assembly Room
Kris Tiles, Moderator**

Tiles distributed copies of the Technical Committee Meeting Summaries and updated draft of the Management Plan. The technical team report is the primary focus of the meeting.

By consensus, the technical team recommends implementation of a passive system by:

- *abandoning the Little Round Lake Dam;*
- *removal of the wetland fill for the snowmobile trail crossing Osprey Creek;*
- *removing and actively managing beaver dams on Osprey Creek;*
- *lowering the CTH NN culverts; and*
- *changing the Little Round Lake Dam order to reflect management.*

Tyrolt reviewed recommendation, control points, and expectation that a managed, passive system would respond better to high water situations than the current system that must be managed within a narrow range.

A second option the technical team considered would be to maintain a range selected by the work group. The proposed range would be reviewed by engineers and the appropriate modeling accomplished to determine what physical changes may be necessary to maintain the range. This option would also require a request for a change in the Little Round Lake Dam order.

Olson submitted a third option that included:

- elimination of the Placid Lake diversion canal with a permit from the DNR;
- elimination of illegal wetland fill across Osprey Creek on trail 3;
- removal of beaver dams and implementation of a control/inspection plan;
- DNR addressing North Channel of Osprey culvert situation;
- removal of channel irons making Carlson Road structure passive;
- engineering, design, and implementation of "whistle tube" structure in conjunction with proper permitting at NN.

The technical team reviewed past surveys and agreed to accept the datum on the benchmark on the Little Round Lake dam. All surveyed points will be referenced to the dam benchmark. Historical water level data from 1949 to the present was also reviewed. The lowest water level reported was 75.6 and the highest level recorded at 78.19.

The technical team recommendation, other options, property owner concerns, tribal impacts, and how the various options would affect water levels throughout the Round Lake system were discussed. Discussion will continue at the next meeting on August 24.