

**Seven Lakes West Landowners Association  
General Meeting  
July 22, 2008  
West Side Park Community Center**

**Call to order:**

President Jim Haggard called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Directors present: Blaine Rowland, Ron Shepard, Kathy Kirst, Mary Anne Fewkes, Jim Haggard, Ray MacKay, Ed Tuton, Ed Silberhorn, and Karen Milligan. A Quorum was established. Also present: Tony Robertson, community manager.

**Recognitions:**

No new residents identified themselves.

**Introductory comments:**

The president stated that Betsy Mikula, community webmaster, has established a link within the Seven Lakes West website to gather landowner's opinions regarding issues facing the community. Initially, information on potentially controversial subjects will be provided, and public comments will be accumulated for evaluation by the board to ascertain possible consensus on matters facing the community.

**Presentation topics:**

Director Fewkes introduced Dr. Dan Marks, the dam engineer charged with the evaluation of the integrity of Lake Auman dam. She noted that no decision has been made in regard to the possible reopening of the road over the dam. She indicated that rumors regarding the process be referred to her so that misapprehensions are minimized. The decision on reopening the road will be made after the proposed remediation recommended by Dr. Marks is completed, and seepage analysis data has undergone evaluation.

**Dr. Mark's presentation:**

Dr. Marks initiated his evaluation of the dam in 2003, and has noted continuing deterioration in the structure by observing increased levels of seepage over the years. The dam is a dynamic object, and although seepage not yet at a critical level, deterioration could increase rapidly. Accordingly, he has recommended selection of the most reliable and economically efficient remediation alternative. This includes injection of a slurry mixture along the top of the dam to a depth of around 25', and the installation of embankment drains on the first bench of the dam.

**Questions and answers regarding dam remediation:**

**Gus Danielson:**

Q: Will the holes drilled along the top of the dam overlap?

A: Yes.

## **Questions and answers regarding dam remediation (continued):**

### **Jay Mikula:**

Q: Where will the drilling take place in relation to the pavement of top of the dam?

A: In the upstream lane of the road.

### **Mike Gorenflo:**

Q: Was the original intent of the dam evaluation to assure that the dam could be used as previously?

A: The possibility of reopening the road will be considered subsequent to study of seepage data after repairs are completed.

### **Dick Williams:**

Q: Have seepage studies been done since the road was closed?

A: Yes and the seepage has not abated.

### **Joel Martin:**

Q: What are the risks and downsides of the proposed repairs?

A: No great risks are attached to the plan. Dr. Marks wished that the remediation had started last year due to the continuing deterioration of the dam, and the increased costs associated with its' repair.

### **Maureen Mead:**

Q: What will the slope stability analysis number be after the repair?

(This reading was at 1.53 when the lake was filled, and the last rating taken was 1.45 in the fall. A reading of 1.36 or less would precipitate immediate action by the state, including drastic reduction of the level of the lake.)

A: It is estimated to be 1.67.

Q: If the rating is 1.67, is reopening the road a viable proposition?

A: It would not be unreasonable.

Q: Will the road be reopened?

A: The question cannot be answered at this time.

Q: Would you have recommended a different remediation method if reopening the road were a high priority?

A: No.

### **Jan Pollnow:**

Q: What is the condition of the overflow pipe?

A: It is in good condition.

### **Todd Mead:**

Q: Will draining or lowering the lake be necessary?

A: No.

## **Questions and answers regarding dam remediation (continued):**

### **Todd Mead:**

Q: What will the depth of the slurry wall be?

A: After extensive analysis, a depth of 22' to 25' is considered ideal in this case.

### **Jim Brannon:**

Q: Do you have any doubts regarding your proposal? Would you get a second opinion?

A: There is no one else in the southeast with better qualifications.

### **Carol Johnson:**

Q: How long will the project take to complete.

A: We estimate six to eight weeks, depending on weather.

### **Maureen Mead:**

Q: What will the project cost?

A: We have not received bids, but it should come within your budget.

### **Law suit status:**

Ed Silberhorn stated that the Terrill lawsuit, arising from cove sedimentation in 2005, and initiated in 2006, is slated for a hearing on July 28 to determine whether a motion for summary judgment should be granted in favor of the plaintiffs. A mediation session will be scheduled in late August, and if necessary, may go to trial in September or later if an expected request for a continuance is made by either of two new defendants.

### **ARC standards:**

Ron Shepard indicated that the proposed standards are available for review and commentary by landowners at the association office or on the website. Once the comments have been evaluated, a final version will be presented to the board for approval at the next scheduled work session.

### **Member questions and comments:**

Mike Gorenflo praised the president and Betsy Mikula for posting information on the community website, and suggested that "bulk email" be used to both inform the community and to obtain feedback on issues of interest.

Maureen Mead asked anyone who wishes to be added to the list of those wanting the dam road reopened add their name to a roster.

### **Adjournment:**

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

**Submitted by,**

**Ed Tuton, Secretary**

