



**CRYSTAL LAKE OFFICIAL'S BRIEFING**  
**August 23, 2011**

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Present: Pat Beghin/Columbia County Emergency Management, John Bluemke/Columbia County Planning & Zoning, Kathy Johnson/Columbia County Emergency Management, Dave Janda/Dane County Emergency Management, Dean Schwarz/Town of West Point Chair, Andy Morton/WDNR, Dave Padley/Lake District, Shawn Widish/Dane County Planning & Zoning, Barb Salna/Columbia County Health & Human Services, Kurt Calkins/Columbia County Land & Water Conservation, Nick Ganse/Town of Roxbury Supervisor, Mark Williams/Wisconsin DOA (CDBG-EAP)

The briefing opened at 1:00 PM at the Town of West Point town hall by Patrick Beghin.

An attendance sheet was distributed.

Correction to last notes: Two changes were sent directly to the Emergency Management Office prior to today's briefing and no new changes were requested today for the July 12, 2011 notes. Changes were made and a new copy was sent out.

**Lake Association (Dave Padley)**

- Crystal Lake has dropped approximately 7.5" and Fish Lake has dropped 5.5".
- Bids for drilling will open on 9/8/2011, with the contract awarded soon for the project to begin.
- Annual Lake District Meeting will be held Saturday, 8/27/2011, where the budget will have to be passed. Some changes to property taxing is to be expected.
- Dave Padley met out at the lake site with the DNR, the Lake District Attorney, and the Attorney's on the flow to explain the situation before the contested case hearing on Monday, 8/29/2011. Dave explained the process in person and they all were much more receptive to the whole situation and project than they were over the phone once they saw what needed to be done.
- Dave explained the open pit pumping process and stated that Falk would be able to do the work and are willing to talk to a consultant that has the expertise on this.
- Dane County has given the Lake District approval to run the water under County Y to the existing ditch. Four landowners are for it and one is not. Dave stated that he has explained to the one owner that is against it that they would like to try the pumping for one month and see what happens. If it is not going as the property owner approves they will have to go a different route, otherwise they would continue to pump. Dave will contact that landowner again soon. Dave explained that there are so many other issues along with \$25,000 more for piping to go a different route to bypass this landowner. This may also require a different permit to be able to discharge farther down. Ditches will be cleaned so water flows smoothly. Dave believes they have the right to run the water through those ditches, and the landowner would have to prove that they are damaging his property.
- Dave Padley talked to Mark Williams regarding Dept. of Commerce available funds.
- The Lake Management Grant is a dead deal. Applications were due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Will have to reapply for 2012 grant.
- Dave thanked everyone that sent letters of support for the project.
- Dave stated that he has gotten requests for the Slow No Wake order to be removed on Crystal Lake and wondered what he should be telling these people. Pat Beghin stated that if the water recedes or the properties in danger are removed, the order will be removed. There is no intention to leave the slow no wake order permanent. Dave Janda/Dane County agreed.

### **DNR (Andy Morton)**

- Andy reported that the discharge from Crystal Lake will not need a WPDS permit at this time. This could change in the future if the discharge goes below the ordinary high watermark.
- Once the well is installed, Andy stated that 7 samples will be required.
- Andy stated that after the DNR flow reps met a couple of weeks ago they thought that all their intentions looked good and there is a good possibility that the contested case hearing may be dropped.

### **Columbia County Planning & Zoning (John Bluemke)**

- John stated that there is Commerce money available for flood proofing Schoepps Resort tavern and office building. On August 10, 2011, a variance was approved by Columbia County to raise this building 2 feet above the established benchmark of 873.45. There will be block installed to raise the building and fill will be put in under the building.
- John stated there are some long term issues with the rest of the trailer park. Dale Schoepp is working with Planning and Zoning on these issues.
- John met with Dane County and they discussed many issues including flood plain and flood plain map issues.
- Elevation for any new development in the future on Crystal Lake will be 873.45. He is working with the DNR to get a formal Flood Plain Map modification. DNR will work with both Dane and Columbia Counties on this.

### **Dane County Planning & Zoning (Shawn Widish)**

- No updates at this time.

### **Columbia County Land & Water Conservation (Kurt Calkins)**

- Kurt explained that Neal Schoepp signed a grant application with Twyla Kite/USDA-NRCS. The applications open again for scoring on October 1, 2011.
- Alternative funding is also being looked at for the Neal Schoepp's property projects.

### **Town of Roxbury (Nick Ganse)**

- The resolution was passed by the Town of Roxbury to lay the piping
- Crystal Lake Road repair to begin this week and to be completed by October 16, 2011
- Received grant money for Crystal Lake Road repairs only
- Town of Roxbury intend to complete minor repairs to Mussen Road for future opening.

### **Town of West Point (Dean Schwarz)**

- Town does not intend on installing a culvert on Schoepp Road.
- If the water rises over 873.45, the town will build Schoepp Road up and install a culvert at that time.
- Engineer stated it will cost approximately \$4000.00 to install a culvert.
- Neal Schoepp has moved his home across the road and intends on moving the trailer too.
- Sorenson's mobile home was moved to the top of the hill in Schoepp's Resort.
- Approximately 20 more trailers need to be moved.
- There was a discussion regarding allowing some of the trailers to be raised or not.
- Dean explained how they received Dept. of Commerce money to fix Gannon Road previously. Morgan RV brought in large trucks/trailers for pumping the waste lagoons which has ruined the road and caused the oil to leech out and stand on top. Town of West Point photographed the road and brought in more gravel. More work needs to be completed on the road. Morgan RV was informed they would be responsible for any damages to the road. A bill has been sent to them for the gravel but has not yet been paid to date.

### **Columbia County Health & Human Services (Barb Salna)**

- Barb met with Phil Loeffler, Manager of Morgan RV and their in-house Attorney. They stated that they would like orders that they can pass on to Morgan RV on what immediate issues need to be dealt with. She stated they are working with her and feels this will help.
- She also stated that there are some issues with code compliant tanks, piping, and hose bibs. She is working with Phil Loeffler.
- Waste lagoons are down, but she feels that the DNR will need to order a different waste disposal system in the future as she does not think these will hold up forever. Andy Morton stated that Morgan RV had infrastructure issues here previously and not all do to the recent high water.
- Barb stated that if any of these trailers that they are moving need new hookups, approvals are required from Columbia County Planning and Zoning, the State Health Department, and Dept. of Commerce.
- Morgan RV has started to pump the lagoon waste onto area fields again.

### **Columbia County-Pat Beghin**

- Pat stated that there have been issues with the Commerce Grant and all the applicants so far have all been over income and do not qualify for grant money to move their mobile homes.
- Pat received a call from Tammy Baldwin's office about this issue and explained it all to them.

### **Wisconsin DOA (Mark Williams) (CDEG – EAP)**

- Mark stated that they are trying to be as helpful as possible and make the Commerce money goes as far as possible. They want to deal with the lake levels but need to make sure that health and safety of residents is a first priority.
- Schoepp's Resort receiving money to raise the tavern and office business of Schoepp's Resort. It just happens that the home is located on top of the tavern so it will automatically be raised when the tavern project is complete. He made it clear that the money is not going to raise the home.
- They have also made revisions that as long as Dale Schoepp is moving the trailers to try and keep his business going, they will pay Dale to move the trailers, (as long as he follows correct protocol as in the bidding process and etc.). If this is the case, the income levels for individual residents will not apply. Mark has given this advice to MSA which is administering the Commerce Grant.
- Mark stated that this money can only be used for moving permanent residents, not part time residents/campers.
- The Commerce money will need to be used by the end of 2012. A request for an extension will be applied for if progress is being made.
- Andy Morton asked if it would help to have a plan as to what all needs are or what they want to do? Mark stated that he did not know if that would be of any benefit as Dale Schoepp has already given him ideas and they are looking into to see if the grant money can be used for the projects.
- Mark stated that in any project, proof of all proper permitting needs to be in place before Dept. of Commerce will release any funds.

The next briefing is scheduled for September 27, 2011 @ 1:00 PM at the Town of West Point Town Hall. Pat Beghin will send out invitations prior to September 27, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted

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