



CRYSTAL LAKE OFFICIAL'S BRIEFING
September 27, 2011

REVISED

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, Barb Salna/Columbia County Health & Human Services, Mark Williams/Wisconsin DOA (CDBG-EAP), Kevin Kessler/Town of West Point Plan Commissioner, Lynda Schoepp/Schoepp's Resort, Dale Schoepp/Schoepp's Resort

The briefing opened at 1:05 PM at the Town of West Point town hall by Patrick Beghin.

An attendance sheet was distributed and introductions were made.

Correction to last notes: Changes were sent directly to the Emergency Management Office prior to today's briefing and no new changes were requested today for the August 23, 2011 notes. Changes were made and a new copy was sent out.

Lake Association (Dave Padley)

- Crystal Lake was down 1', then had 2" rain recently, but is still down 10".
- Moved the intake from Mudd Lake to Fish Lake.
- Ran the test pump for a water sample for 48 hours last Wednesday & Thursday.
- Discharge sample came in at 6.
- Mudd Lake discharge sample came in at 59.
- Fish Lake culvert sample came in at 13.
- Plugged the Fish Lake culvert with stone and seepage is working.
- Need to stabilize the discharge site at the river.
- Hope to turn pump on again Saturday, October 1st.
- Sam's Well Drilling from Randolph had the low bid and was awarded the contract for the 18" high capacity well. They have not started project yet. Bid came in \$12K under anticipated bid.
- Bids open Thursday, September 29th, for the piping contract. Lake Association is afraid bids will come in higher – may need more money than originally requested through Dept. of Commerce/Dept. of Administration.
- Lake Association hopes the well will pump 1000 gallons per minute.
- Five landowners, with a difference of opinion, are involved in the Roxbury Creek drainage. Dave Padley will hold a meeting (in approximately 3 weeks) with all landowners after he knows what the well will be able to pump.
- Well will be screened and approximately 55' deep.
- Crystal Lake has a shallow aquifer and Dave hopes this will work best for pumping.
- Kevin Kessler/Town of West Point Plan Commissioner questioned the project, is not sure it will work, and stated he will be talking to Foth.
- Two monitoring wells will be installed with the main test well, and Foth is not guaranteeing anything at this point.
- The engineers believe there will be 85% infiltration, but this number is in question.
- Dave Padley stated that they have a high capacity well permit through the DNR. Neil Ballweg is the official applicant for the permit as he is the landowner.

- Dave also stated that wells should not be affected as long as they are 500 feet away. Neil Ballweg's well is the closest at 1400 feet away.
- Morgan Management is paying the legal fees for FLOW.

DNR (Andy Morton)

- Andy reported that FLOW had contested DNR issuance of a WPDES permit to the Lake District that allowed them to discharge water from Mud Lake to the Wisconsin River largely because of the quality of the water being discharged.
- The contested case was settled and an agreement was reached between WDNR, FLOW and the Lake District--stricter permit limits are part of the agreement but the Fish Lake Water is much cleaner..
- The intake for the discharge to the Wisconsin River site was moved from Mud Lake to Fish Lake.
- A staff gauge was installed on Fish Lake.
- Fish Lake is at 861.1 msl, 2.4 feet higher than ordinary high water mark of 858.7'.
- A well to pump groundwater from Crystal Lake to lower the lake level will discharge to Roxbury Creek.
- Kevin Kessler inquired about permitting. Andy Morton explained that samples of the water from a test well very close to the groundwater well/pump at Crystal Lake have not shown that a water quality standard would be exceeded by this discharge. The Lake District will need to submit water quality samples when the actual groundwater well is installed to verify that they are meeting water quality requirements. .
- Andy stated that a workable 100 year floodplain elevation could be established that enable the county to review zoning applications on a case by case basis.
- Andy spoke with Meg Galloway from the DNR. She stated that she thought that FEMA would recognize this case by case approach until a FEMA Flood Map revision is submitted (LOMR).
- Andy would pursue recognition and concurrence from WDNR regarding this approach for a working 100 year floodplain on Crystal Lake and also seek concurrence by all parties involved. Dean Schwarz stated that an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) should be drafted and signed by all interested parties on this established bench mark. Pat Beghin stated that he would make sure that the MOU is an agenda item for the next meeting and bring a sample MOU too.
- Dean Schwarz stated that he would check the last West Point Town's minutes to see if it was written in that the town board agrees with the elevation. If it was not, he would get it in writing at the next Town Board Meeting.

Columbia County Planning & Zoning (John Bluemke)

- John stated that he has not met with Dane County Planning & Zoning yet.
- John is working with the DNR for a flood plain map modification.
- John is hoping that DNR will coordinate this with two counties involved.

- John stated that Columbia County has good 873.45' contour information because of the work that was completed at Shoep's Resort but still need contour information for Crystal Lake Campground which is going to be more difficult.
- Pat Beghin explained the map from the Columbia County Land Information Dept.
- John stated that the variance was approved on the Schoep's Resort House/Office structure. The 30-day appeal window has closed.

Columbia County Land & Water Conservation

- No representation from the Columbia County Land & Water Conservation
- Pat Beghin stated that Kurt Calkins stated that they are still waiting from Washington on what funds may become available.

Town of Roxbury

- No representation from Town of Roxbury.

Town of West Point (Dean Schwarz)

- Dean stated that the Town of West Point has decided that if the water rises in the future and goes over the east/west Schoep Road, they will install a culvert and build the road over it. No culvert is anticipated on the north/south road unless the water rises in that area. That would be looked at at that time if necessary.
- Dean inquired if there would be any money to fix Schoep Road next year if work is needed? Mark Williams stated that they keep a small amount of money in reserve and unused money is returned from projects at times. He explained that any applications that came through in 2009 would be looked at and funded first. All other applicant situations would be looked at and all expenditures would have to be justified. Damages would have to be tied and proven that they were result of the 2008 flooding. Mark stated that if future work is needed, they should apply and it would be looked at. He said that they want to help as many people as possible. He also stated that the new administration has slowed the whole process.
- Mark Williams also stated that Columbia County was awarded funds for road projects. All projects would have to be LMI, (Low to Moderate Income). Mark explained the LMI. Columbia County is finding it very difficult to determine and define a LMI project. All projects would also have to be tied to the June & July 2008 flooding. Mark did state that Crystal Lake extreme heights began then and have not receded yet.
- Dean stated that the Town of West Point is applying for TRIP funds through Kurt Calkins/Land & Water Conservation.

Dale Schoep / Schoep's Resort

- Dale explained the raising of the business / home of 5 feet.
- The set back variance was approved and the 30 day appeal window has closed.
- The septic permits are in the process.
- The Sorenson's trailer has been moved to the top of the hill.
- Dale stated that he is meeting on Monday, October 3rd, 2011, with the general contractor.
- Mark Williams stated that Dale needs to make sure that the Davis/Bacon Act for wages is being met.
- Dale had a question about the last meeting notes where it stated that 20 trailers needed to be moved.
- John Bluemke explained that this was discussed before the variance went through with the floodplain. He also explained that a shoreline long term plan needs to be looked at. At this time he does not know how many trailers might have to be moved. John went on to explain that they would have to apply again for a shoreline variance, but that it would be better not do that until they have a long term plan in mind.

Dane County Planning & Zoning

- No representation from Dane County Planning & Zoning.
- Dave Janda will make sure there is better representation at the next meeting.

Dane County Emergency Management

- Dave Janda stated that bids opened up for projects on Mussen & Crystal Lake Roads.
- Dale Schoepp stated that work began on Crystal Lake Road approximately two weeks ago.
- A culvert has been installed on Crystal Lake Road.

Columbia County Health & Human Services (Barb Salna)

- Barb Salna explained that before moving any mobile homes or campground units with new hookups, approval from the DSPS (Dept. of Safety and Professional Services) and State Health Dept. must be in place. No prior approval is required for established sites.
- Barb stated that Dane Co. did a water study and that Columbia County is in the middle of one. Dave Padley stated that he talked with someone from Dane County but could not get any good info or guarantees.

Columbia County-Pat Beghin

- Pat Beghin stated that there is Road Aid through Dept. of Transportation. He then explained that roads have to be closed for some time due to flooding then would be able to apply for the funds.
- Pat said Columbia County will wait to see what results from the pumping.

Wisconsin DOA (Mark Williams) (CDEG – EAP)

- Mark William’s statements are throughout the notes.

Pat Beghin explained that a draft copy of the notes will be sent out to all parties involved and any corrections will be made before the final copy is posted for public viewing.

The next briefing is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2011 @ 1:00 PM at the Town of West Point Town Hall. Pat Beghin will send out invitations prior to November 16, 2011.

The briefing adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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