

## FOREST LAKE PROPERT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

### SPILLWAY REPAIR PROJECT UPDATE

**MAY 7, 2022**

Recent events related to the Spillway Repair Project are as follows:

- The public notice for the EGLE permit was issued on March 14, 2022.
- On March 24, 2022 we received acknowledgement that our request for additional grant funding had been approved by USDA. The revised FLPOA shared cost of the project will be approximately \$771,255.
- On March 29, 2022 the State of Michigan EGLE issued a correction request to Lapham Associates regarding their computer modeling of the Wells Creek floodplain between the spillway outlet and the Rifle River. We were not expecting any additional EGLE comments since the public notice for the permit had been issued on March 14, 2022 and we understood that only a few minor corrections remained to be addressed.
- The public notice period for the EGLE permit expired on April 3, 2022.
- In early April the Board conducted a survey of FLPOA members regarding the proposed transfer of Special Assessment funds to Arenac County for use as FLPOA's shared cost of spillway repairs. As of this date 524 surveys were returned from members in good standing with 503 surveys in support of the transfer.
- On April 8, 2022 the Board received USDA comments on the bid documents. USDA had access to the documents throughout the design process and comments after receipt of bids was not anticipated.
- On April 12, 2022 the USDA informed the Board that an Architectural Evaluation of the dam was required since the dam was over 50 years old. USDA personnel assigned to our project did not expect this requirement.
- FLPOA Special Assessment funds in the amount of \$654,946 were transferred to Arenac County on April 19, 2022. (Grant ineligible costs will be paid directly by FLPOA)
- Arenac County signed the USDA grant amendment request on April 20, 2022.
- On April 21, 2022 the Board entered into a Contract with Merjent to perform the Architectural Evaluation of the dam at a cost of approximately \$9,000. Merjent completed similar work for the Four Lakes project in the Gladwin/Midland area. The cost of the evaluation is grant eligible. Demolition work associated with the spillway and embankment excavation work associated with the siphon system can't start until the evaluation is accepted by the State.
- On April 27, 2022 we sent a letter to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, c/o Moffatt Township, requesting permission to use the \$50,000 grant for replacement of the wood stop logs for the dam with new aluminum or stainless steel stop logs. (The originally proposed slide gate installation was cost prohibitive and included a five month delivery time.)
- Information on the siphon system proposed by the Contractor was added to the EGLE permit application on May 2, 2022. EGLE must approve the siphon system before a permit can be issued.
- The Board received the final grant amendment paper work on May 4, 2022 and provided a copy to Fisher Contracting as proof of FLPOA funding for the project.

- The Board will enter into a Contract with Fisher Contracting on May 9, 2022 in the amount of \$3,323,550 for the spillway repairs. The schedule is for the project to be substantially complete within approximately 153 days from the notice to proceed. The Notice to Proceed will be issued after receipt of the EGLE permit and State acceptance of the Architectural Evaluation. The Architectural Evaluation should be submitted to the State early next week. We requested an update of the EGLE permit yesterday but did not receive a response. The Board is considering a Contract with an additional engineering consultant to supplement the current efforts by Lapham Associates to finalize the computer modeling of the Wells Creek floodplain.

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