

FOREST LAKE DAM SPILLWAY UPDATE

June 27, 2020

Updated information regarding the spillway is as follows:

- FLPOA was previously contacted by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, regarding their Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program, and indicated that our project for replacement of the spillway may be eligible for a Federal assistance. In order for FLPOA to apply for assistance, we needed to have a government agency to act as a project sponsor. On June 15th the Board sent a letter to the Arenac County Board of Commissioners requesting that they consider sponsoring us for the EWP program. After meeting with some FLPOA Board members and USDA representatives on June 23rd the Board of Commissioners agreed to sponsor FLPOA on June 24th. The USDA has 60 days from June 24th to determine if the project is eligible for an EWP grant. Once eligibility is determined a grant offer will depend on the availability of funding. If a Federal funding is available it will cover 75% of the project cost and FLPOA would be responsible for the remaining 25%. At this stage there is no obligation for FLPOA or Arenac County to accept a grant offer.
- Alternate sources of funding, including FEMA and loans, are also being considered by the Board.
- Soils investigation work by our consulting engineer started on June 24th. Soil borings will be taken along the dam road in order to confirm the integrity of the clay embankment. Additional borings will also be taken in the spillway area for reference during the design phase.
- Our consulting engineer is continuing with the preliminary design phase of the project. A schedule for completion of the design report is not available at this time.
- Green Contracting will be constructing a temporary road in the near future to provide better access to the spillway area.
- The lake is now at winter level and will normally remain at the current level for the foreseeable future. If a major rain event occurs the runoff will be stored in the lake and then drained at a low rate after the event.

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