

FOREST LAKE DAM SPILLWAY EVENT SUMMARY

DECEMBER 3, 2020

The following is a summary of the dam spillway events and related activities which have occurred since the end of October:

- The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services Emergency Watershed Protection Program agreement has been signed by the USDA and our sponsor, Arenac County. The USDA federal grant amount is approximately \$858,000 for spillway construction and approximately \$93,000 for engineering fees. In addition the Arenac County Board of Commissioners has agreed to provide the FLPOA 25% share of the estimated cost which is approximately \$286,000. Arenac County used State of Michigan Flood Relief Funds for their generous contribution to the project. A total of approximately \$1,237,000 Federal and State funding has been provided to FLPOA for repair of the spillway. If the final project cost exceeds the grant funding, FLPOA will be responsible for the extra cost. USDA grants do not cover some items of work and specific items which are deemed to be an upgrade of the original facilities. For example, the USDA has indicated that repaving of the road over the dam, security fencing and installation of new slide gates for lake level control will not be eligible.
- The Board previously received a FEMA Determination Memo for the denial of our request for assistance and are attempting an appeal to the Interagency Recovery Committee for re-consideration.
- The Board has received and accepted a supplemental quote in the amount of \$38,200 for construction engineering services. The quote from Lapham and Associates is for the provision of full time construction observation services in lieu of periodic observation. Full time construction observation will better serve to fulfill the quality control requirements of the USDA grant.
- The Board previously applied to the Small Business Association (SBA) for a low interest loan. We have submitted several documents as requested by the SBA but still have not received approval of our loan as of this date. The Board is considering dredging the lake, if a loan is obtained, since the cost of dredging should be substantially lower due to improved ground stability resulting from the extended period of low lake level. The Board has submitted a Request for Proposal to Lapham and Associates for engineering services associated with the dredging project.
- At the present time the preliminary schedule is for completion of design, permitting, bidding and contract award by early summer 2021 with substantial completion of construction by the end of the year. Final completion (finish grading, landscaping, seeding, etc.) will occur in early spring 2022. The schedule will be refined as work on the project proceeds.

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