

RLPOA emergency request

Round Lake Property Owners Association

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Emergency water level defense donations needed

The Round Lake Property Owners Association (RLPOA) is notifying all homeowners on Round and Little Round Lakes that we are raising money to begin a **RLPOA Water Level Defense Fund**. Donations may be tax deductible because RLPOA is a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt entity. Your contribution may be deductible under section 170 of the US Tax Code.

Why is this fund necessary?

Barr Engineering has just told RLPOA that if the Carlson Dam is abandoned (with sill and floor removal) there is a reasonable chance that Round Lake could drop to 74 feet local datum about 1.5 feet below what the lake is at today which is 75.5 feet. This may be true even during subsequent normal precipitation periods after there has been a high water event eroding out the channel downstream of the dam. Alternatively Barr Engineering confirms that we can anticipate more beaver problems if the dam is abandoned.

If your Round/Little Lake property is lower than elevation **1346.98** or **1346.97 feet (79.23 or 79.22 feet local datum)** respectively you will be included in the new **Regional 100 year Flood Plain** and most likely will not be able to get any building permit from Sawyer County. There may be an additional two-foot buffer on top of this flood elevation. We estimate that there could be 100+/- properties affected on our lakes. We believe the new 100 year Regional flood elevations are too high. They do not comply with the 1941 PSC Order and reflect the neglected water control system existing now. **A new wider dam, lower and larger NN culverts should reduce these Regional Flood Elevations by a foot or more.**

At the Round Lake Task Force Meeting on July 26, 2007 Round Lake Property Owners Association proposed the following comprehensive "active" management plan:

Our association (RLPOA) is in support of "active" water level management:

1. We support replacing the present dam with a new more permanent wider concrete dam that will have higher flow rates than the present dam.

2. We would be in support of modifying the existing 1941 PSC Order to have a wider authorized water level such as 76.4 to 77.9 with a normal optimal lake level of 77.25 feet (local datum). We would like this wider authorized level to be such that there would be no private property "takings" issues. The lake level should be optimally managed to be at 77.25 feet.
3. We would be in support of dredging (about a foot or two) the channel downstream of Carlson Dam particularly now that it is dried up.
4. We would be in support of notifying the LCO Tribe that the beaver dams upstream of NN are a "public nuisance" and hindrance and that they should be removed.
5. We are in support of NN culverts being replaced or repaired to comply with current law. They should have flow rates similar or higher than what will be present at the new proposed Carlson Dam and downstream channel.

Sawyer County has significantly altered our proposal adversely and responsible Round Lake Water Level management is being potentially jeopardized. RLPOA wants to be able to retain Legal Council/Professional Services at this critical decision time if necessary.

Please send your tax deductible contribution payable to **RLPOA Water Level Defense Fund** and mail to: **RLPOA; PO Box 1070; Hayward, WI 54843**. If all of the funds for Legal and Professional Services are not used, the surplus will go into our **milfoil fund or returned to you if you desire**. We suggest a minimum initial contribution of \$1.00 per foot of frontage.

For the latest information on this and other issues, please visit our website: www.roundthelake.com

RLPOA must be prepared to act if the County moves to abandon the existing dam and implement a "passive" management system and new higher flood levels. *Thank You for your help.*

RLPOA Board of Directors

Round Lake Property Owners Association, Inc. / 2007 Membership Application and Donation Form

- Enclosed is my **RLPOA water level defense donation**.
- Enclosed are my dues of \$20.00 for calendar year 2007.
- Enclosed are other donations that I would like to contribute as follows (*i.e. milfoil fund, fish crib or other - please describe*)

_____ Name

_____ Spouse

_____ Questions or comments

_____ Mailing Address

_____ City

_____ State

_____ Zip

Send to:

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