



**CRYSTAL LAKE OFFICIAL'S BRIEFING  
July 12, 2011**

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, Terry Mulcahy/Town of West Point Citizen, Dean Schwarz/Town of West Point Chair, Andy Morton/WDNR, Dave Padley/Lake District, Shawn Widish/Dane County Planning & Zoning, Jeff Balweg/Citizen, Roman Haas/Town of Roxbury, Keith Ripp/47<sup>th</sup> District, Barb Salna/Columbia County Health & Human Services, Kurt Calkins/Columbia County Land & Water Conservation, Twyla Kite/USDA-NRCS, Bob Pevey/Town of Roxbury, Kevin Connors/Dane County, Neal Schoepp/Town of West Point Citizen, Ervin Breunig/Town of Roxbury

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 PM at the Town of West Point town hall by Patrick Beghin.

An attendance sheet was distributed and introductions were made.

Pat Beghin stated the reason for today's meeting was to let each entity give an overview/update since the June 21, 2011 meeting of the situation with Crystal Lake, Schoepp's Resort, and Crystal Lake Campground.

Correction to last meeting minutes: Name change only

**Lake Association**

Dave Padley gave the following updates:

- Fish Lake pump is off.
- DNR gave a "Notice of Violation" because of the high number on the reading. If the readings are good in the future the pump will be turned back on in October.
- Dave stated that the Lake Association has a contested case hearing coming up with the DNR because of the notice of violation. He would like to see the case dropped if the contaminant numbers continue to drop as samples are taken. The DNR regulates that the number cannot go over 40, the Lake District voted to shut the pump off at 37, and will stay off until the numbers go down. He explained how they continue to keep rising every year for the past few years. Andy Morton from the DNR gave the background on the contested case, (intake near algae blooms which causes the numbers to go up during testing.)
- The intake project for a filter system from Mudd & Fish Lake is being looked at.
- Department of Commerce has given permission for Town of West Point to use funds on Fish Lake.
- The well site has been determined, easements are ready to be signed for the site, there is a question if they need an easement signed for the discharge site, and they are ready to get bids for the piping.
- Timeline for burying the pipe could be September 2011.
- The Lake Association plans on hiring out to ditch the pipe by a contractor and will get enough volunteers from the area to help with all the other jobs.
- Dave stated that originally a bid for the project was approximately \$400K. He has found a contractor that states he could do it for approximately \$50K. He does not have multiple bids yet which he will need to receive Department of Commerce funds.
- The Lake Association is in the process of applying for a DNR Lake Management grant. Funding can be used for lake draw down. The application is scored. They will meet with Morgan RV Co. to write a good application. Dave is requesting letters of support for the pumping project from everyone in

favor to add to the application.

- Dave stated that they need a DNR approved Lake Management Protection Plan in order to apply for this grant. The Lake Association does not have one. Dane County does have one so the Lake Association may be able to work off from theirs.
- Dave stated that there is an issue with the discharge site. There are 4 landowners in favor and 1 is not. Another possibility may be to let the water flow naturally through the ditches, see what happens, and turn off immediately if it starts affecting the land owners. Dave would like a statement from the DNR that this establishes being a tributary of the Roxbury Creek. Permits would be needed if they need to clear ditches.
- Dave would like to see more people join the Lake District Association.

Dave Janda asked for an explanation of the concerns of Mudd Lake running into Fish Lake. It is water quality issues.

### **DNR**

- Andy Morton stated that they have received the plan for the Roxbury discharge and that samples are being taken, and it looks very promising at this time. He also stated that this group is a very good working group and he likes seeing the minutes out on the web. Andy will set up a joint meeting between the DNR, Columbia and Dane County Planning & Zoning, DNR's Engineer to work on an agreeable high water benchmark.

### **Columbia County Planning & Zoning**

- John Bluemke stated that there are issues with Schoepp's Bar and they are working with Dale Schoepp on getting a variance. Intentions are to raise the bar/office/home building. This project will go before the Town of West Point for approval on July 28<sup>th</sup> and before the Columbia County Board of Adjustments on August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Variances will also be needed for certain trailers to be able to stay and there are many unanswered questions yet. The trailers that are sitting in water now will have to be moved as well as others possibly. The Planning & Zoning office will work with the Town of West Point on all these issues.
- Columbia County Planning & Zoning did not have a chance yet to meet with Dane County on the Crystal Lake Campground issues.

### **Dane County Planning & Zoning**

- Dane County Planning & Zoning met with Morgan RV at the end of June. They are looking at long term solutions if the pumping does not work. There are many engineering issues that need to be addressed, and Dane and Columbia County Planning & Zoning need to get together. Flood plain issues need to be coordinated between the two counties as Dane is in and Columbia is not. Dane is working on the flood plain elevation.
- The process to establish the flood plain elevation is: they will use historical records, Dane County, Columbia County, and the DNR will work together to establish a workable level, then FEMA will have to approve before it becomes official on the flood plain maps. Columbia County area is not in the flood plain in this area so they can use whatever level is agreed to by all parties.

### **Town of West Point**

- Many questions will be answered at the town meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Dean Schwarz stated that Schoepp Road is very saturated and in bad shape and definitely needs work before winter. He believes that the town will be in favor of installing a culvert at the existing road level and rebuild the road over the top.
- Dean Schwarz stated that he will continue to post the minutes on the Town of West Point's website.
- The Town of West Point has not heard from Morgan RV Attorney's. Morgan RV Co. is pumping and hauling from the lagoons. They are damaging the road. Pictures have been taken. Morgan RV Co. has stated that they will pay for any needed repairs to the road.

### **Columbia County Land & Water Conservation & USDA-NRCS Representative**

- Kurt Calkins explained that there are so many issues including: where will the water go and how will we deal with it, is there and money resources, what are we trying to do exactly? He also explained that without an outlet, Neal Schoepp will have issues. Kurt also stated that they may need to look at a drainage easement where maintenance would be taken care of whereas if no easement is in place, Neal would have to maintain all this.
- Neal Schoepp will fill out application for possible funds through Twyla Kite/USDA-NRCS programs. Twyla Kite stated that the 2011 funds are gone but as of October 1, 2011, the 2012 money will be available. She also said that she will need to know what they want to do or design to see if they will qualify for any funds.
- Kurt stated there could be different funding options available depending on what the projects are.

### **Town of Roxbury**

They are very concerned about the possibility of flooded properties & roads. Roads would need to be closed making alternate routes necessary.

### **Towns People**

- There was a discussion about all the properties that will be affected depending on how the water is routed.
- Neal Schoepp gave an overview of what has and is happening with his property, etc.

### **Columbia County-Pat Beghin**

- Pat handed out the memo from Chuck Bongard / MSA as he could not attend. (See memo attached)
- Pat stated that the Dept. of Commerce will fund projects at Schoepp's Resort. He also stated that another applicant is over income that wanted to move a trailer. So far no applicants who have applied meet the income levels. These levels are set by the Federal Government. There is one pending application at this time. Pat stated that he does not see a problem with getting the Dept. of Commerce to give us an extension if the money is not completely used by the end of the year.

### **Columbia County Health & Human Services**

- Barb Salna stated that she is in charge of campground inspections.
- Schoepp's Resort is not much of an issue, they just need to move the campers that are in standing water. She also stated that the bar area is being kept in good shape, the well is good, and the septic system is on the hill and not a problem.
- Crystal Lake Campground has many problems including: waste disposal issues, well contamination, lagoons filling quickly. If the DNR shuts down the lagoon system, the campground and mobile home park will have to shut down.
- She did state that there are orders in place from the Health Department. Dave Padley stated that Morgan RV is very interested in helping to make this all work as they know if it does not they will be closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2011 @ 1:00 PM at the Town of West Point Town Hall. Pat Beghin will send out invitations prior to August 23, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted

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