

Flowage Preservation Alliance

ANNUAL MEETING
FLOWAGE PRESERVATION ALLIANCE
JULY 6, 2013
CONOVER TOWN PARK

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM with pledge of allegiance to the flag. 52 members present. Opening remarks by President Rich Ruffalo. Moment of silence for deceased members: Jane Arps, Betty Beverly, Wilma Bright, Bob Pokorny, Barbara Propp and Les Steiner. The minutes of the 2012 meeting were approved. Treasurer's report was approved.

The following Board of Directors were unanimously elected to serve for:

One year terms – Rich Ruffalo, Jay Richman, George Holloway

Two year terms – Ron Schultz, Ken Gurski, Clancy Senechalle

Three year terms – Tom Christofferson, Bill Green, Roger Kerstner

Karl Jennrich presented up-to-date status. The Wisconsin DNR considers East Flowage Road as the dam. Bonestroo (our original engineering firm) has been taken over by Stantech. Due to turmoil with personnel at the DNR, their decision has been delayed, although our contact is still Terry Cummings. Karl received a 6/20/13 letter from the DNR that the status of our dam is now categorized as high hazard. It would be in everyone's best interest to have it rated as low hazard. It's imperative that Vilas County adopt a flood plain ordinance. This is currently being studied and it was determined that it would not be a huge burden to adopt and administer. Karl is expecting another letter from Terry Cummings. Someone needs to take ownership and bring the dam up to code. Once the letter is received, the wheels will be put in motion.

The \$5,000 set aside by the town several years ago to continue the engineering study is no longer available, but there is one last component of our contract, which we can exercise. We need recommendations and cost estimates which Stantech will provide at a cost of \$500. It was suggested we contact the governor and/or the Vilas County Land and Water Commission. Our issue is on the agenda for the next Conover town meeting to be held on July 11. FPA members were encouraged to attend this meeting. Karl was thanked for his diligent work on our behalf.

Possible fund raising may be necessary.

Adjournment at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanie Green, Recording Secretary