



SECORD LAKE ASSOCIATION

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We want to hear your questions and concerns. We will do our best to answer them. Please realize we may not have the answer to every question. We also recognize there may be some answers we may not like to hear. Our goal is to provide the answer with the facts available. You can email us at SecordLakeAssociation@gmail.com or visit our website to post your question.

Q: Will Secord residents pay to rebuild Wixom and Sanford Lakes?

A: No. Secord property owners will not pay to rebuild these two dams. There will be “shared costs” that benefit all 4 lakes such as legal, engineering, environmental and other expenses. There will be a Secord only accounting we can all review.

Q: Can I donate money specifically to be used for Secord Dam?

A: Yes. You can send a check to the Secord Lake Association. In the comments section of your check indicate “Secord Repairs”. Checks can be mailed to Secord Lake Association, P.O. Box 176, Gladwin, Michigan 48624. You will soon see our updated website where donations for Secord Dam repairs can also be made.

Q: What is happening behind the scenes?

A: Three separate items in motion being monitored closely by the FLTF.

1) This past April, the FLTF provided a Secord spillway capacity design plan for Boyce Hydro to submit to FERC in anticipation of the acquisition prior to the flood. This plan is being reviewed by FERC with questions to Boyce Hydro regarding their intent to move forward. An answer from Boyce Hydro was due to FERC by Aug 21st (and this point we have no update). The good news is the FLTF was forward thinking to submit this back in April.

2) On July 13, the FLTF submitted a 67-page Engineering Technical Memorandum to outline repairs to bring the dams to standard including Secord. This is another proactive step to begin the process to obtain permits when the counties own the dam.

3) The FLTF legal team is monitoring two paths – one is eminent domain (condemnation) and the other is the bankruptcy proceedings.

Q: What is next?

A: This is a fluid situation with many moving parts. At this point (Aug 25th) we all wait to see if Boyce Hydro met their deadlines to submit two required detailed engineering reports to FERC due on Aug 20 and 21. Right now we do not have a crystal ball into next steps and we will not speculate or participate in rumor. **We recommend you follow us on Facebook or at our website for updates as they become available.**

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