

SYNOPSIS OF TT FLOODING TASK FORCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING - Sept. 19, 2019

ATTENDEES: Jeff VanBelle, County Drain Office; Tom Wheat, Prine&Newhof; Tim Brown, & Julie VanderWiere, Texas Township; Russ Walters, Jim Roberts, Crooked Lake; Len Bosma, Amy Coon, Phil DeYoung, Steve Ott, & Tom Rogers, Eagle Lake

1 - The meeting began with an update from Tom Wheat concerning the easement process.

- Necessary easements have been identified.
- Jim has been in contact with Blocks and Zabavskis, conversations will be ongoing.
- Loedemans and _____ have been contacted, and are in agreement with the easements.
- Frank will contact ELgae Point reps concerning that easement.
- NNH LLC property owners have been contacted, and would like some additional information.
- Tom will be preparing a sketch for those properties, showing future land use restrictions.
- There has been supportive feedback so far.

2- There was some discussion of the need for an attorney to represent the lakes in future planning.

- Eagle Lake board has had some discussion, not completely sold on the need, Brett Cummings will be asked for input as appropriate.
- Likely each of the lakes would provide their own legal representation as needed.
- Stacy Hissong of Fahey/Schultz law firm has been advising Jeff VanBelle. Brett will be asked to confer with Stacy and determine if Eagle Lake would benefit from outside legal representation.
- Letter of Intent and Memorandum of Agreement language may be able to be included in the Judges decree, providing a longer term benefit.
- Jeff stated that the petition signature requirement is for 66% of the effected "land area" owners (not simply property owners). However, if the number of signatures falls below the 66% mark, the Drain Office would still proceed to the County Board.

3- Len shared a Power Point presentation he had prepared for discussion. Each of the slides were shown and suggestions/changes occurred. Responsibility for covering the information on the slides at the community presentation at KVCC on Oct. 3rd was divvied up among the presenters. Tom Wheat and Tom Smith, as well as Jeff VanBelle, Len Bosma, Amy Coon, Brett Cummings, Jim Roberts & Russ Walters will each be asked to present information.

4- The Letter of Intent and the MOA, as well as the petition language, will be worked out between Brett and Stacy, and the actual petitions will be prepared. Notices of the meeting will be published through signage, web sites, e-mails etc. to notify the public. Petitions will be available at the Oct. 3rd meeting for signing. Steve Ott will prepare a "take-home" sheet which will be available at the meeting to include the petition language and locations of where petitions will be available for signatures. The goal deadline for obtaining the necessary signatures is October 31st.