

Meeting with Tim Schaffer 4-11-15

Opening Remarks – Tim Schaffer

- 1) Tim was disappointed in the way the dam situation was rolled out.
- 2) Tim is not getting the information from ODNR and he is hoping that the Caucus can open doors for conversations.
- 3) Buckeye Lake Caucus will meet on 4-16-15
 - a. Room 1960 on the 19th floor of the Riffe Tower. The building is located at 77 S. High Street, Columbus, OH 43215.
 - b. Evan Schumann, the Executive Director of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, will give a presentation on safety concerns surrounding the dam.
 - c. 40 seats available – first come first serve
 - d. Tim would like to see a large audience. It will help to show we are concerned about the Dam situation.
 - e. Next Caucus will be with ODNR
 - f. This is a formal meeting and the audience cannot speak or ask questions however, if you have questions please get them to Tim Schaffer through Justin: justin.Stanek@ohiohouse.gov
 - i. Please put in the subject box “questions for Caucus”.
 - g. See attached details
- 4) Tim is working on Bills to help the community businesses either through interest free loans or grants.

Main Focus:

- 1) Shorten time frame to complete the dam
- 2) Get authority to issue bonds up front for funding
- 3) Open and Transparency from ODNR
- 4) Tim to closely monitor budgets to ensure money is appropriated up front for project and all money appropriated will go to fixing the dam and not Lodges/parks or Marinas.
- 5) Where are the weak spots in the dam? Get them fixed immediately so water levels could possibility be raised.

Engineers in Audience:

- 1) **Ken Reber:** Spoke regarding past costs to fix the Dam and why the jump from 6 ml to 28 ml to 150 ml
 - a. ACOE was in error in the past drawings and was off by 10 feet.

- b. He took a tape measure and measured foundations to water, which was 20 feet. There is no need for them to do an additional 20 ft. wall if they use the hydraulic press.
- c. No one was opposed to a new wall but they do not want a bike trail and it did not need to be 20 feet wide. *(Tim was not for Bike Trails)*
- d. ODNR used DLZ information. DLZ did what ODNR wanted them to do.
- e. DLZ had a dam design. He was wondering why they were not using it.

2) **Vern Johnston:** Spoke about Dam ideas that would cost less and be a faster fix.

- a. He stated that Dredging will help the blue/green algae and it is better to do it when water is low.
- b. He has been working with Mr. Wisse but not sure if he is really listening.
- c. He proposes to dredge deeper and put the dredging material behind the wall.
- d. You could actually do 5 to 10 feet per hour / 2 ½ years to complete.

Dredging: Dave spoke to the dredging issue:

- 1) Start dredging at Lieb's Island then down towards Seller point and around Onion Island down toward Millersport.
- 2) Dredging material will be placed on 5 acres of the Meyer's Farm.
- 3) Other Businesses that need attention:
 - a. Copper Penny
 - b. Winery
 - c. East end of Lake

Questions from the Audience:

- 1) When is the letter coming out to homeowners regarding boat docks, boat regulations and speed regulations? It was suppose to be sent no later than Tuesday of last week. *(Tim will try and get answers.)*
- 2) Is the lake office going to open at all this year? *(Will advise)*
- 3) Will a state Marina be built at Buckeye Lake? *(Tim will ask the question)*
- 4) Will regulations of speed or horsepower be posted at ramps @ state parks? *(Tim will check on this)*
- 5) Are Air Boats aloud on the lake? *(Answer: no open blades on state property.)*
- 6) How can we help and support Tim Schaffer? *(Answer: Tim is looking to put in an amendment. Once the document is complete he will send it to us and he would like us to send letters, asking to support his amendment. Once Tim sends our way, I will get it out to everyone.)*
- 7) What is the ACOE's role in this Dam? *(Tim will check and advise)*