

The first Buckeye Lake Caucus Meeting

4-16-15

Opening Remarks: Tim Schaffer

Asking for updates and effects of the dam.
He expressed they wanted collaboration with each other.

Introductions on the Caucus

State Rep Tim Schaffer
State Rep. Bill Hayes
71ST District Scott Ryan
89th District Steve Krauss
Setting in for Ron Hood (Beth)
11th District Stephanie House
2 Representatives from Steve Stivers office

Speaker

Evan Schumman – EMA Director

- Evans:**
- 1) working with all three counties on EMA issues
 - 2) Changed the sound of the sirens for breach of dam to more of a European sound.
 - 3) Evacuation signs were put up last year.
 - 4) everyone should sign up for the 911 reverse call
 - 5) red cross will be here this week to hand out pamphlets and work on an exercise.
 - 6) Equipment is being gathered in case of an emergency, such as sand bags.
 - 7) Emergency Exercise on April 25th.
Actors/Actresses will be used to evacuate Buckeye Lake.
They will be taken to Millersport School to be registered.
The dogs and cats will be taken to a separate location to be registered.
 - 8) May 30th “show and tell” high water vehicles and search and rescue will be in the Buckeye Lake area as well as helicopters rescuing people in the water.
 - 9) July 3rd traffic analysis: watching cars dissipate from the BLASST.
 - 10) Core’s Mission: To ensure safety of the community.

Questions answer Session

- Hayes:** His concern was Islands for Fire/medical and emergency
A: This is a challenge that was brought up last year.
Dredging will extend to islands for residents on islands.
Proposing an airboat> used for rescue but not for fire.
- Shaffer:** 8 to 10 accidents a year on the lake. What equipment will be available incase of emergency?
A: No answer. Looking to see what equipment can be put on the air boat.
- Hayes:** The news stated an 8 foot wall of water. Bill could not see this happening. If there was a breach, how fast does the water come across?
A: Surge of water over minutes.
If there was a gas explosion in one of the houses on the dam it could case a large wall of water, if the dam broke. Will also carry Debris.
- Q: How far down stream do the sirens go? Does other towns have sirens?
A: It would take 1 hour after a breach to hit Hebron. To his knowledge only Buckeye Lake will have the sirens that sound differently.
- Schaffer:**
Q: Do you have an indication of what parts of the dam gets fixed first?
A: No input to where the weak parts are located. From the report the entire dam is bad and has movement.
- Q: The breaches noted in the report, were those breaches before seller's point was put in.
A: Do not know the answer to that. He is only looking at the report.
- Hayes:**
Q: The drains were open at the spillways. Any updates? Are the drains working for the future?
A: water coming in exceeds water going out. Amil spillway is open and It is still not at winter pool. 1+'' to go.
If they keep the depth at winter pool there is a 56% less chance of a breach. That is important for him.
- Q: Ho much rain can the dam hold?
A: This is an ODNR answer. He could not answer that question. Strategy is to stay at 888.75 because it allows for safety.