

MINUTES PLP&RD DAM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
2023 ANNUAL DAM EAP & PROCEDURAL REVIEW

The Post Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, Dam Management Committee met at the Post Lake Dam on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 5:00 pm for the Annual Dam Emergency Action Plan and procedural review.

Present: Committee Members; Jeff McKinney, Andy Joswiak, John Steber and Dam Tender Ralph Eberle

Review of the PLP&RD Dam Maintenance and Operational Manual

A point-by-point review of the Dam Tenders Job Description and responsibilities was conducted. Throughout the discussion reference was made to this past April's high-water event. The committee discussed topics such as the importance of actively monitoring weather conditions, the need for prompt action when a high-water event is possible, gate management, and the need to make periodic inspections of the dam's adjacent embankment, especially following a high-water event. The committee also discussed the Dam Tenders boat landing inspection and maintenance responsibilities. It was stressed that repairs are to be completed in a timely manner.

Water Level Report

Committee members discussed how the Water Level Reports were to be completed. It is understood that it is not necessary for the dam tender to inspect the dam on an everyday basis unless there is the potential for changing water levels. In the past, Ralph has recorded gate positions and water levels on days when he visited the dam and estimated the water levels for the day in between visits. It was stressed that entries into the water level reports are to be made only on days when the Dam Tender has made a personal visit and inspection.

Review of Lake District Member, Dave Curran's Dam Management Concerns

The committee members conducted a point-by-point review of Dave Curran's letter of concerns which is dated May 20, 2023.

Review of the Dams Emergency Action Plan

The committee members reviewed the plan and the responsibility of the Dam Tender to notify Backup Dam Tender, Andy Joswiak and John Steber if he has any concerns about the safety of the dam and rapidly changing weather that could negatively affect the dam and/or lake side properties. In most cases, Andy and John would make additional notifications as needed. In case Andy or John cannot be reached the Dam Tender will notify the other people listed on the notification chart.

Action Taken

The committee agreed that they would take a more aggressive approach to managing the lake level during spring runoff. Gates will be opened more fully as soon as the spring melt down begins. At present the summer lake level target is 95.8 and the winter lake level target is 95.5. In the future, the lake levels will be lowered below the 95.5 level as necessary, but all efforts will be made to stay within the 95.0 to 96.0 range approved by the DNR.