

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOUR LAKES TASK FORCE

May 21, 2020

Meeting Minutes of the Four Lakes Task Force held virtually on May 21, 2020 from 3-5 pm.

PRESENT: Dave Kepler Mark Mudge, Adam Beebe, Dave Rothman, Don Zakett, Carl Kerr, Jeanette Snyder, Joel Vernier and Phil Dast

ALSO PRESENT: K. Stryker, Secretary; T. McGovern, Treasurer; Stacey Trapani, Communications; J. Colaianne (Clark Hill), general counsel; R. Hansen, PE (Spicer Group); and Warren Miller (Spicer Group), Fred Szufranowski (Essex)

Call to order. Meeting called to Order by D. Kepler, President, at 3:00 P.M. : Quorum Present

Preliminary update from Ron Hansen on damage sustained at all four dams

- Secord dam did not breach but sustained damage including erosion in the tailrace
- Smallwood dam did not breach but sustained moderate to severe erosion, erosion in the embankment, severe erosion on the west wall of the powerhouse
- Edenville dam was breached, tobacco river side embankment also has damage including severe erosion on both sides of the wingwall, a large hole in the embankment. Edenville side of dam complete breach, severe cracking in concrete of training walls.
 - Water rose to within 15 inches of the crest of the dam and was eroding the top of the dam as well as splashing over
 - Slope failure occurred at this time, south of the powerhouse and west of the sub station
 - Entire embankment between powerhouse and substation have washed away
 - Chief wall protecting dam has washed away
- Sanford dam was overtopped, water flowed over powerhouse, sheet piling and all embankments. When the water recedes, it will likely be discovered that the embankment has failed. Powerhouse has eroded and is no longer structural sound

Analysis on next steps presented by Fred Szufranowski of Essex Consulting

- FERC is requiring a root cause analysis of what has happened by an independent panel of experts as well as a review of all emergency action plans
 - This is the first step before anything else can happen and will likely take one year
- Following the investigation, design engineering and studies can begin on rebuilding
- Reconstruction costs will increase in order of magnitude, if it was 10 million, now it is 100 million.

Dave Kepler provides an update on FLTF's actions and plans going forward

- The project is likely now half a billion dollars, conservatively.
- There is a strong commitment from all politicians and the community to rebuild
- The community is looking to FLTF for leadership, it is our intent to step forward and provide

Joe Colaianne provides an update on FLTF's legal status in light of failures

- Expect litigation, there will be a lot and FLTF likely will be named

- There is no expectation that Boyce will assume any responsibility for the failure
- About acquisition: the purchase agreement as it was written to assume the property as it was on December 31, 2019. Boyce can't perform the contract as it's written
 - FLTF is preparing a position statement to Boyce hydro and will consider all avenues to acquire the property in a timely manner
 - Public statement to be released related to raising water back up
 - Will release a statement regarding no assessments expected to be levied in 2020

Meeting adjourned at 4:38pm