Subject:                LOFS Update

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From:                    Jim Krygier, on behalf of the Management Committee

I’m writing to inform you on the progress of the LOFS dam design project since my last email update.

The engineers from 2LMN and Terracon continue to collaborate on the detailed design phase so that they can submit it to the HAH Club for review prior to the official submission to ODNR. Our highest priority continues to be receiving approval so that we can rebuild the dam in 2016.

Our request to reclassify the dam from Class 1 to Class 2 resulted in ODNR sending several information requests to our engineers. We expected this development and our consultants are working on the response. We are unsure how long this process will take and believe that ODNR is not enthusiastic about our proposal. The issue is further complicated by the fact that ODNR has not provided specific criteria to be met.

Meanwhile, when I sent my April update to you, the water level of the Lake of Four Seasons was close to its normal pool level of 815.5 feet above sea level due to the spring thaw and rain. However, in the past month, the lake level has dropped to 811.6 feet. A major cause of this rather rapid drop has been the lack of rain in the past month.

Our engineering consultants recommended that we slow the drop to ensure the stability of the lakeside and minimize erosion. As a result, we closed the gate valve located in front of the dam. We monitor the lake level on a daily basis and communicate the information to ODNR. We will need to lower the lake further for construction but this can occur in the autumn. Our engineers recommend the later period because it is the driest part of the year. By the way, the latest readings taken from the inclinometers show no movement in the dam.

You may have noticed that the LOFS Project has generated a fair amount of media attention in the past two weeks. First, the Columbus Dispatch published a three-part series on the status of Ohio dams. Our project was mentioned in part two of that series which focused on privately owned dams (see link below); HAH general manager Randy Swetnam appeared in a front page photograph associated with the article. Second, we were invited to participate in a discussion on WOSU NPR All Sides with Ann Fisher. The link to that program also appears below.

<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2015/06/01/private-dangers.html>

<http://radio.wosu.org/post/ohio-dams-demand-repair>

The Club leadership continues to do what we can to keep this project moving forward to a 2016 completion. Thank you for your patience and support. As a reminder, this topic is discussed at every management committee meeting (second and fourth Tuesdays) and at each Board meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. You are encouraged to attend to ensure you are getting the most accurate and current information on this topic between email briefings.