

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT**  
**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LOWER DAM PROJECT**  
**June 13, 2015**  
**\*UNAPPROVED\***

**Call to Order:** Chris Demers called the meeting to order at 11:12 am.

**Roll Call:** Bob Long and Chris Demers; Jessica Brusseau was absent and excused.

**In Attendance:** Tom Eighmy, Don Dubrule, Gail Dubrule, Don Vogt, Mark Johanson, Linda Johanson, Ken King, Robert Roudebush, Travis Hanson and Jessica Hanson.

Chris Demers introduced Ken King, chairman of the Water Committee. Ken King gave a report that noted it was only thirty days until the lowering of the Lower Lake begins for the project. He passed out copies of the Gantt schedule or timeline that was being used for the project. He said the bidding process for the construction firm went well and CCS Constructors, Inc. was the lowest bidder and another plus was that our engineering firm, DuBois & King, was familiar with them and their work.

Discussion was held about the project timetable, the effect on fish in the Lower Lake, and the expected lifespan of the repair. Ken King went over the Gantt chart which showed the drawdown of the Lower Lake will begin on July 13 and the plan is for the drawdown to be complete in about twenty days. He said the drawdown will be done very slowly to avoid sloughing of the banks and the water level will not be as low as it was during the last drawdown in 2006. He said fish in the lake will be able to find hiding places in the water that is left and then will come back when the water level is restored.

He noted this project should have no effect on the Upper Lake, but asked those present to keep in mind that the dam outlet between the lakes will soon have to have work done as well. They will inspect that outlet further while the Lower Lake water level is down to determine a better timetable for that project.

Bob Long noted the Lower Lake is currently at lower water level than usual and part of the reason is the damaged dam outlet that will soon be replaced. He also noted the existing outlet had a lifespan of 30 years, but lasted for more than 50 years; the new concrete outlet will have a much longer lifespan of approximately 100 years.

Discussion was also held about the project's effect on water usage. Ken King said the District doesn't draw much water from the lakes for the water supply so it should not be affected very much, but it was possible that extra water would have to be purchased from Woodsville Water & Light. Bob Long noted the 2015 Water Department budget has extra money in the water purchase line in case it is needed.

There being no further questions or discussions, Chris Demers moved to adjourn the hearing and Bob Long seconded. The hearing was adjourned at 11:27 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristi Garofalo