LAKES COMMITTEE
November 11, 2015

Meeting Summary

- Lock boxes for day use fee collection have been installed and painted at each boat ramp and the envelopes have been ordered.
- Signage for boat ramp parking areas has been approved, and reflective signs have been designed for spillway areas on all lakes.
- Staff is investigating the possible purchase of a floating dredge and have found a non-motorized one for $100,000.
- Dredging of Lake DeSoto will start at the end of November by Estate Management using their own motorized floating dredging machine.
- The mowing of the lake dams continues. All dams are scheduled to be mowed.
- Arkansas Game & Fish stocked channel catfish in several Village lakes.
- All docks on Lake Cortez have been inspected and the docks needing repair have been contacted by Permitting & Inspections.
- A draft of the lake policy was distributed to the committee for feedback. The policy has been expanded to a “lake use” policy to include an enforcement clause.
- A professional evaluation was conducted of all spillways and a report is forthcoming.
- Jason updated the committee on the Lake Cortez dredging project. The drawdown began November 1st with dredging to begin in January.
- George Maxey and Don Petersen discussed their project compiling lake data and the possibility of posting that information on a website.
- Charlie Hartmann reported on the recent goose census taken on Village lakes.
- The possibility of installing buoy lights on all Village lakes was discussed by the committee.

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Charles Hartmann.

Safety Briefing: Charles Hartmann conducted a safety briefing, asking for volunteers for specific safety assignments.

Members in Attendance: Charles Hartmann, Chairman; George Maxey, Peter Trabant, Don Petersen, Len Dombrowski, Rob Bowers, and Bob Trowbridge.

Members Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Mike Medica, POA Board Representative; Jason Temple, Brad Meredith, and Katy Harmon, Public Works; Mary Eliades, HSV Voice; Bob Cunningham, Public Works Committee; George Bollier, GAC; Don Langston, Ex-Officio Member; and Joanne Pegler.
Approval of Minutes: Charles Hartmann asked for approval of the October 14, 2015 minutes. They were unanimously approved by the committee.

Board Liaison Comments: Mike Medica reported on activities from the October 21st Board meeting.

POA Staff Reports:
- Brad & Katy reported on the following:
  - Lock Boxes & Signage - The lock boxes for day use fee collection have been installed and painted at each boat ramp. Signage for the parking areas has been approved. Reflective signs have been designed as a warning to boaters for spillway areas on all lakes. Signage and fee envelopes for the lock boxes are still in progress.
  - Feedback on Dredging Equipment – Staff is investigating the purchase of a floating dredge, and have found one possibility that would come complete with trailer for around $100,000. This dredging device is not motorized but uses cables to draw the equipment across the dredging area. It stirs up and vacuums up the sediment and can be operated by only three people.
  - Lake DeSoto Dredging – Dredging of Lake DeSoto will start at the end of November by Estate Management using their own motorized floating dredging machine. The cost will be approximately $16 per cubic yard and is a trial which may be expanded to other lakes where coves could not be dredged during the lake drawdown.
  - Otolith Survey – We have not received a response from the biologist so this will be put off until spring.
  - Lake Managers Office – An office and chemical storage area for the lake managers has been finalized and will be at the Coronado fire station.
  - Dam Maintenance Update –The mowing of dams continues but is temporarily on hold due to a broken part on the mower. Lakes personnel are considering using controlled burns to remove trees, etc.
  - Lake Stocking by AG&F – AG&F stocked channel catfish in several Village lakes. They stocked 300 in Lake Isabella, 600 in DeSoto, 750 in Cortez, 540 in Pineda, 1,000 in Coronado, 2,000 in Balboa, and 300 in Granada. Due to the large number of stunted largemouth bass in Lake Estrella, that lake received 15,000 small redear sunfish that will help boost the food supply for the larger game fish.
  - Status of Boat Dock Inspections – A full inspection of docks on Lake Cortez has been conducted, and owners of docks needing repair have been contacted by Permitting & Inspections. Ordinances in both Saline and Garland counties mandate certain safety requirements that must be met. All docks in the Village will eventually be inspected to ensure they meet safety standards.
  - The lakes crew has purchased three dock grab handles that are ready to be installed.
- Jason Temple reported on the following:
  - Plans for Lake Segovia renovations will be put off until next spring.
  - A draft of the Lake Policy was distributed to committee members for feedback. The policy is being expanded from a simple boat/trailer requirements to include a
broader “lake use” policy which adds an enforcement clause to include lake rangers and law enforcement personnel. It has been determined that POA employees can assume the role of Lake Rangers and can legally enforce the lake use fee purchases. It is anticipated that more rigorous enforcement will improve revenue.

✓ A professional evaluation was conducted of all spillways and a report is forthcoming. It was determined that Lake Isabella has a spillway problem where water is slowly undercutting the back of the Isabella dam. The plan is to re-work the Isabella spillway either in 2016 or 2017 based on the available budget.

✓ Status of the Lake Cortez Dredging - The Lake Cortez drawdown began November 1st. Lakes personnel are hoping to draw down four feet by the end of November and another four feet by the end of December. Dredging work will begin in January. The committee conducted an in-depth survey of Lake Cortez and presented their findings to Jason. Jason and his crew performed a physical survey of the entire lake to identify coves that need work. Areas under docks are the responsibility of individual owners, and permits are required for this work. He noted that Cortez is a very shallow lake and the problem is more the depth of the lake than sediment deposits. Staff is looking into ways to replenish the water in Lake Cortez to alleviate the shallow water.

Chairman’s Remarks:

- Charles Hartmann reported on the following:
  ✓ He asked that committee members update their information on the committee roster.
  ✓ He commented on a letter to the newspaper about charging for lake use, and stated that an attempt is being made to improve collection and enforcement with initiatives like the lock boxes and revised lakes policy.
  ✓ Regarding the 2016 budget, he noted the lakes budget has been increased 35% over 2015.

Committee Member Reports & Comments:

- Lake Needs Assessment – Rob reported that there were very few changes.
- Lake Data Compilation & Database Creation – George Maxey and Don Petersen are working on the compilation of lake data and the possibility of posting that information on a website. The group is combining current readings by volunteers with historical data, and hopes to add GIS information to the database.
- Safety and Enforcement Task Force – Bob Trowbridge announced that they are expanding the meetings held with rental companies to include more agencies. There was discussion concerning lake use and what that included.

Old Business:

- Goose Census – Charlie Hartmann reported that a recent Canada goose census determined there are 103 resident geese, with 27 on Cortez alone. The POA common
property committee is investigating methods to get rid of the geese because of health issues.

New Business:

- Buoy Lights for Other Lakes - Charlie Hartmann explained that there was discussion last month on providing lighted buoys for other lakes besides Balboa. The lights on Balboa were installed by the Balboa Yacht Club. It was agreed that lights be installed on buoys protecting spillways or other safety hazards. This will be worked into the next budget.

Review Follow-up List – Len Dombrowski stated that we need volunteers to assist Brad and Katy in standardizing the data collected from limnology, etc. Len, Peter Trabant, and Rob Bowers agreed to meet with them.

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held December 9th at 9:00 a.m. at Coronado Center.