



## MEETING SUMMARY OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF TEXAS FLOODING TASK FORCE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2022

### Via Zoom

A meeting of the Charter Township of Texas Flooding Task Force was held on February 24, 2022, commencing electronically via Zoom at approximately 10:30 a.m.

#### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Nick Loeks opened the meeting, thanking everyone for taking the time to attend. The following members of the Task Force were present

- Engineer Tom Smith, Prein & Newhof
- Engineer Tom Wheat, Prein & Newhof
- Derek Haroldson, EGLE
- Kyle Alexander, EGLE
- Amy Coon, Eagle Lake Association
- Shawn Deverell, Sen Sean McCann's Office
- John Casper, Bass Lake
- Len Bosma, Eagle Lake Association
- Phil DeYoung, Eagle Lake Association
- Marc Rose, Vineyard Development
- Mark Worden, RCKC
- James Baker, COK Director of Public Works
- Dave Rachowicz, County Parks Director
- Jason Wiersma, Kal County Drain Commissioner
- Zena Vos, Kal County D/Drain Commissioner
- Russ Walters, Crooked Lake Association
- Representative Christine Morse
- Acacia Costales, Representative Christine Morse's Office
- Texas Township Supervisor Nick Loeks
- Texas Township Superintendent Julie VanderWiere
- Stacy Hissong, (FSBR) Drain Office Attorney
- Kyle O'Meara, (FSBR) Drain Office Attorney

#### 2. STATUS OF FLOODING

Amy Coon (Eagle Lake) reported that this morning the lake measured 900.36. The lake is gradually increasing as is expected for this time of year.

Tom Wheat advised that we did get approximately one inch of rain in the last week which would correspond to the increase in Eagle Lake.

Russ Walters (Crooked Lake) reported that the lake doing well. There is nothing new to report but the ice makes the gauges difficult to read.

Marc Rose (Vineyard Development) reported that the development is doing fine right now.

#### 3. DRAIN COMMISSION UPDATE ON LONG-TERM PROJECT/NORMAL LAKE LEVEL

- Status of Design and Permitting Tom Wheat advised that there is not a lot to report at this time. He advised that our team has been in discussions with EGLE representatives relative to the zebra mussel issue. Our team has talked about potential options, but we need additional conversation with EGLE and that is in process now.



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Len Bosma asked Tom Wheat if he was optimistic that this project will get permitted by EGLE.

Kyle Alexander added that there have been no meetings with he and Derek.

Tom Wheat responded that there have been meetings with other EGLE representatives and that we are working to set up a meeting with Derek and Kyle as well. He added that this project will get done but it may not look the same, but we will be able to meet the goals.

Amy Coon asked what it meant that it may not look the same.

Tom Wheat responded in how we address the AIS.

Amy Coon then asked if P&N had ideas to address that.

Tom Wheat responded that they do have ideas, but we cannot move forward until we understand better the requirements. He advised that EGLE is a partner in this process.

Stacy Hissong shared that she had a fantastic meeting with Jarrod Sanders from EGLE. We are committed to moving forward but we need to know how to deal with the zebra mussels. We have two options; one is proven, and one is not. We need to determine which method makes most sense. She then advised that this is in our lap not EGLE's. We will be meeting with P&N, Drain Office and Texas Twp to determine what makes sense.

Kyle Alexander commented that as soon as the Township is ready to talk about the plans this project will be at the top of their priority list.

Russ Walters stated that he recognizes that this will take awhile to determine however, the petitions they obtained were based on No power and certain cost. If this project is totally different then we need to notify our constituents.

Stacy Hissong stated that she understands why Russ is asking but this is why Tom Wheat doesn't want to present anything yet. We are doing our very best to keep this going while keeping the cost in check. We hope to have a better update by the next meeting.

Russ Walters advised that we just need to share information when we know. If the cost is significantly increased, we need to be cautious. He does not doubt that everyone is doing the right thing.

Len Bosma asked Stacy who she is referring to when she says "we"

Stacy responded that we have a couple of requirements to meet with the zebra mussels. The Team needs to decide what is in the best interest of everyone to meet those requirements. The Team is the Drain Commissioner, the Township, Prein & Newhof and the Attorney. We understand the importance of



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providing information to the lake owners but ultimately the Drain Commissioner has to own this project, so he must be comfortable with it as well.

Tom Wheat commented that we need to balance the Drain Commissioner having to operate and maintain the project with the wants of the Lake Owners.

**4. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

None made

**The next Task Force Meeting has been scheduled via Zoom for Thursday, April 14th, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.**

Submitted by Superintendent Julie VanderWiere  
February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022