

May 5, 2025 Collings Lakes Civic Association Monthly Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Steve Slimm at 6:40PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Two new board members sworn in. Mike Hollander will be the tier two representative.

AnnaMarie LaRocca will be the at large representative and will assume the Secretary position.

Harassment forms have been signed by both new representatives.

Roll Call:

Steve Slimm Y

Mark Wainwright Y

Don Saunders: Y

Don Watson: Y

Brian Trasetti: Y

Mike Hollander: Y

AnnaMarie LaRocca: Y

Beth Gave a dams update as follows:

- Hello, everybody! So I am the bearer of some bad news. We have a setback with the dam. We currently have a boil that has formed at the downstream end of the main spillway, which means that we have water pumping underneath the existing spillway. So we met with the DEP. We're monitoring the lake is being lowered. I understand the sluice gate is still stuck which Steve's always working on. We have to bring the water down because the boil can turn into a bad situation. We started working with our geotechnical people, and we've come up with a plan that we've discussed with the DEP to resolve the situation. It's going to take a probably a few months to do that. We're expediting it as quick as we can, and that's pretty much all I got. I know there's going to be a lot of questions. Steve has applied for the lake lowering permit and it has been submitted to Fish and Wildlife.

Questions for Beth:

AnnaMarie: Question if the lake needs to be lowered all the way? Beth: Not necessarily. We have to lower it to a point where we stop the boil.

So the problem is the pressure on the upper side versus the pressure on the lower side. So the water's going underneath and popping out, and we have to get it down to it stops popping out because we're losing soil.

Don Saunders: Can we do a portable dam as a temporary solution? Beth: I don't believe that the State will let you raise the the water up as a temporary type solution. Beth stated while the work is being performed, we may be able to use a portable dam.

Beth: We've discussed those options, but right now, in order to stop the boil. We have to lower the lake for a period of time. We are going to try to keep it a high as possible.

Steve: I have been working very close with Bethann on this for a week along with Zach from Dam Safety. I send reports to Zack every day on how the dams doing and what's going on. I've been sending them pictures and videos, which Bethann gets a copy of, too. So we're just moving right along with this as fast as we can. This is not Zueli's or CLCA's fault. To be honest with you, it actually falls on the geological studies that were done. There is a meeting set up to meet with Zeuli on Tuesday May 6, 2025 at 7:30 am. We hope the water will be low enough to see why the Sluice Gate is jammed. and we do believe that it is very possible the trash rack bent under it hopefully, it'll be down enough that we could just unbend it and we can close the gate. We can lower the sluice gate to a point where we just dropped the water. About 2 feet is what Bethann had stated we could do.

Beth Anderson Tier 1: Will this effect the other beaches being open for the summer , Steve said it may.

Donna Sutts Tier 3: Question about who will be paying for this? Beth: To be determined. Donna questioned this answer and Beth said we are still investigating why and what exactly has happened.

Steve stated CLCA will not be paying for it.

Kevin from ACV:

No, if anybody got a late fee letter just reach out to us, so we make sure we're on the same page. There were some payments from last year that we tried to apply. There were some balances that people didn't know about from last year, so just call us, and we'll go through it. We'll go through and research it and make sure we got everything correct.

Reading of the minutes from the April meeting. Don Saunders made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Don Watson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Slimm Y

Mark Wainwright Y

Don Saunders: Y

Don Watson: Y

Brian Trasetti: Y

Mike Hollander: Y

AnnaMarie LaRocca: Y

AnnaMarie: I reached out to before when we were in a pinch. I do have one lifeguard definitely. Her certification is good June of 2026 she will be Lakefront certified. She'll be May 18, 2025 at Wenonah Lake. I would like to make a motion to hire the lifeguard, because we do at least have one beach open, and we know we have someone. She's 21 years old. She goes to college in North Carolina. We're going to pay her \$20 an hour and sign her up for the open water certification. I would like to make that motion. I need a second.

Keegan Smith Tier 2: Before you make that motion. The problem with the Lifeguard last year was the insurance. Our insurance didn't cover us to have a lifeguard. Nor did it cover the lifeguard. So is this lifeguard going have their own insurance, because that was the problem.

Steve said we will check with the insurance company. Kevin from ACV said we can make the motion pending an answer from the insurance company. So, we changed the motion to hire the lifeguard pending the insurance company's answer.

AnnaMarie made the motion and Don Saunders 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Roll call vote.

Steve Slimm Y

Mark Wainwright Y

Don Saunders: Y

Don Watson: Y

Brian Trasetti: Y

Mike Hollander: Y

AnnaMarie LaRocca: Y

Discussion regarding containers. We need one at beach 3, but we are going to hold off for now.

Question in the chat: Why would we hire a lifeguard who was in college down South when they go back early August? We would have her for June and July. The other lifeguards we have that

were college students, we did lose them mid August 2 years ago. If anyone knows someone that wants to be a lifeguard the fee is 350.00 and 115.00 for lakefront certification. Let us know.

Don Watson Treasurer's report:

Invoices: \$51.95 Harlan Clark for new checks

\$74.63 for Amazon to purchase locks

\$774.00 Ron's Garden Center for Easter Flower Sale

\$24.51 Caution Tape Tractor Supply

\$1872.00 Signs by Dan.

\$90.22 Pizza for Volunteers for Easter Egg Hunt

\$1180.65 Swing Set Mall, swings for all 3 beaches

\$63.75 Easter Egg Candy

\$1728.00 for Outdoorsyness picnic tables

\$120.00 Court Officer Bosco for legal matters

\$500.00 for Sunshine Dreams for painting the swing sets

\$235.00 Quick Books

\$12.55 for Atlantic City Electric

\$17.05 Zoom

\$1500.00 ACV monthly charge

\$4320.00 Hill Wallack

Total: 12,564.86

Motion to accept the bills presented?

AnnaMarie made motion to accept the bills, Don Saunders 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call:

Steve Slimm Y

Mark Wainwright Y

Don Saunders: Y

Don Watson: Y

Brian Trasetti: Y

Mike Hollander: Y

AnnaMarie LaRocca: Y

Account totals.

The maintenance account ending in S01 \$415,460.68

Games of chance account ending in S02 \$5,142.36

Dam assessment account, ending in S03 \$558,200.00

Money market account, ending in S04 \$82,220.49

Expense account ending in S05 \$1,222.35

Savings account \$25.00

The current outstanding balance on our loan is \$75,052.85

Mark Wainwright made a motion to accept Treasurer's , Don Saunder 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call:

Steve Slimm Y

Mark Wainwright Y

Don Saunders: Y

Don Watson: Y

Brian Trasetti: Y

Mike Hollander: Y

AnnaMarie LaRocca: Y

Steve explained three Amazon purchases: The Walmart purchase was for a new mouse for the secretary's computer. The one Amazon purchase was for a new corporate seal. The third was a purchase made in error by Steve's daughter in law. She sent us a reimbursement and Steve gave the check to ACV to correct the error.

Grounds: Don Saunders:

Steve and I went got all the wood for the picnic tables, and to save on delivery. Steve already started. drilling, making a template and getting things ready for assembly. We will probably be looking for some volunteers to help sand, possibly, and get boards ready to assemble. I have paint for the swing set scheduled to happen between the 12th and the 14. After that, we will start the swing install, and we have swings and chains and everything for all 3 beaches,

Beach clean ups schedules for the next three Saturdays. May 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> 2025. We will be working on third beach first, then second beach ,then first beach.

Steve Slimm: Update to fencing. We awarded the bid to Endeavors at this time. We are going to hold off for now until the repairs are done to Cushman Dam in case large equipment needs to be brought on site. Certificate of insurance sent to ACV for both the fence and the painter.

Discussion around the RFPs that out for bids for Lake George and Lake Albert. Jan and Bob Kaufmann are heading up the process for the dams committee. RFP was posted on Construct Connect. Currently, we have two proposals. We also have 3 other firms. We have decided to extend the date to submit the RFP which was a suggestion from Construct Connect.

Beth Anderson Fund Raising: Reminder that we still have the bulb sale going on and ends May 15<sup>th</sup>. We raised \$175.00 so far. We have Easter Lillies and few Daffodils left. Contact Beth if interested.

Steve: As far as access to the other 2 lakes. We do not have any word on that as of yet. We are working on it for both Albert and George. We need to concentrate on getting Cushman Dam figured out. Steve has gone out to location pretty much everyday. He was the one that discovered this issue. Since then, he has reports to Dam Safety and Beth Grasso. There are fixes in place but until we discover the source of the problem, we do not have a resolution. Meetings will continue to take place with Dam Safety, Beth and RDZ.

Amanda Coffey Tier 2 : Question regarding a timeline?

Steve: Maybe August and that is the worst-case scenario. Once Sluice gate is back and operational we will be able to lower the water by 2 feet to alleviate pressure and give us the ability to see exactly what may be going on.

Amanda Coffey Tier 2: Requests updates as they happen. Steve agreed to keep the community informed.

Steve elaborated on the situation, see full transcript on the Zoom recording. The point was made that a Porta Dam would allow us to have water for the summer and this is a decision that must be made by Dam Safety.

Donna Sutts Tier 3: Question regarding using ACV portal, Kevin said yes that could be done.

Lynn Venziale Tier 2: Question who posts information on the CLCA website and wanted the team to know that there were once again the names of folks in collections and this is the second time. Both Kevin and Steve will investigate this and make sure it does not happen again.

Motion to adjourn made by Don Watson and Don Saunders 2<sup>nd</sup> motion at 7:45pm

Thanks to Charley Donahue for 100.00 donation to the CLCA