

**Boardman River Dams Committee
Bottomlands/POIT meeting notes**

Location: Grand Traverse County Civic Center

Time: 5:30-7:30

Chair: Steve Largent

Facilitator: John Wyrwas

Note taker: Todd Kalish

Meeting attendees: John Wyrwas, Dennis Aloia, Todd Kalish, Steve Largent, Ron Alpers, Ed Martel, Bruce Carpenter, Jim Pryor, Jim Schramm, and Glen ???

5:30-5:40: Review of agenda and March notes

Agenda was approved. Martel would like the March meeting minutes changed regarding his comments. He was asked to write a correction but denied. NMC will be providing a voice recording system for all future meeting. Largent would like “meeting minutes” to be changed to “meeting notes”. Future agenda’s will have the following added under Known Elements: “Several Boardman Pond Property owners do not agree with Varnum’s decision”.

5:40-5:55: Report by Grand Traverse County regarding Boardman Pond water levels

Aloia reported that the water level in Boardman Pond had risen by approximately six feet. The County pulled 2 boards at Sabin Dam to allow additional water flow and raised the spillway gate all the way up so water can spill over more easily during the next rain event. The County discussed opening the other penstock at Boardman Dam with Charlie Peterson to allow more water flow through the dam during rain events. Alpers asked if the BRDC could formally ask the DEQ if the County can increase the head at Boardman Pond to allow for greater control of water level fluctuations. This Team will bring that issue to the BRDC at the monthly meeting. Lemcool stated that it is critical for the City and County to work together and communicate regarding the management of water flow through all the dams on the mainstem of the Boardman River. Carpenter asked if the water level sensors could be reinstalled at the Boardman Dam.

5:55-7:00: Determination concerning splitting the POIT and the Bottomlands Teams

Aloia stated that he would bring the Deems opinion regarding Boardman Pond bottomlands ownership before the County board for them to discuss, if the BRDC thinks it is appropriate. The team used the labeled decision-making process to recommend that the two teams meet on the same night, but split the agenda between the two.

Approximately 45 minutes will be allocated to POIT issues and 45 minutes will be allocated to Bottomlands issues. There were several issues that were brought up at the March meeting that were not addressed, and need to be addressed at the next meeting (see March minutes).