

# WORKING DRAFT MINUTES

Boardman River Dams Project  
Bottomlands Management and Property Owners Issues Team

Meeting Date: 03/19/2008      Location: Water Studies Institute      Time: 5:30-7:00  
Chair: Steve Largent      Facilitator: John Wyrwas & Ben Purdy      Note taker: Ben Purdy & John Wyrwas

Meeting objective: To continue the development of a comprehensive list of bottomland disposition options that compliment existing disposition options for Boardman Dam. These options will then be presented to the Scoping Team. The Scoping Team will incorporate and evaluate the bottomland disposition options according to an “Alternatives Review and Assessment” matrix that’s contained in this packet. This packet contains a list of the bottomland disposition alternatives that were generated from the October meeting.

## Meeting attendees:

John Wyrwas, Ben Purdy, Ron Alpers, Herb Lemcool, Dennis Aloia, Bruce Hooper, Chris Maxbauer, Bruce Carpenter, Jim McIntyre, Jack Murray, Judy Nemitz, Ed Martel, and Jim Pryor.

5:30-5:40      *Welcome and brief introductions*

5:40-5:45      *Review and approve agenda and 2/20/2008 meeting notes*

There were no additions to the agenda. Jim Pryor wished the minutes from the 2/20/08 notes to reflect the fact that he did not state “the BRDC, Property Owners Team, and IT all agreed to accept the opinion rendered by Varnum” and that he stated “the County had accepted opinion rendered by Varnum”. Dennis Aloia noted that the County had received the opinion rendered by Varnum but had not taken any steps to officially accept it. Jim Pryor stated that all meetings should be recorded to ensure accuracy of minutes. Ed Martel stated that he would like to see it noted in the “known elements” section that there are property owners who do not agree with the BRDC process and findings. Ed Martel stated that he intends to sue anyone in a leadership role with the BRDC process who was not covered by governmental liability protection.

5:45-5:55      *Report By County Concerning Reported Water Fluctuations*

Aloia stated that between the dates of 1/23/08 and 2/29/08 the records show that the Boardman Pond water level fluctuated between 639.70 and 643.51. Jim McIntyre noted that the pond did not freeze over for any extended periods of time this year, which was unlike previous years.

5:55-6:20      *Narrow list of Bottomland Disposition Options for each of the selected Dam Disposition Alternatives approved by the BRDC for more detailed study.*

After lengthy discussion it was decided to recommend the draft list of bottomland disposition options developed at the October 16<sup>th</sup> task team meeting. Ron Alpers noted that many people spent a great deal of time to develop that list and a much smaller group should not pare down. Jim McIntyre stated that he believed that many of the bottomland disposition options in the draft list were already being studied, or scheduled to be studied, by ECT. Ron Alpers stated, and many others agreed, that the list should include a study to determine any monetary loss suffered by property owners.

6:20 – 6:40 *Identify Bottomland Disposition Alternatives for Brown Bridge and Sabin dam bottomlands.*

After discussion the group agreed that the most likely option for Brown Bridge or Sabin Pond bottomlands was for them to revert back to a “natural” state and be incorporated into the parklands that surround them. Therefore, that is the scenario that should be studied further.

6:40 – 6:50 *Next Steps*

Jim McIntyre stated that he would like to see the next meeting devoted to developing a list of questions related to ownership issues for the seven dam disposition options that are being studied. Ed Martel Bruce Carpenter and Bill Lane stated that a separate committee or task team should be created to research and verify the public trust issues and the actual evidence in the form of recorded deeds as to the ownership of the exposed bottomlands on Boardman Pond. Bruce Carpenter stated that he would like a formal answer as to why sediment was not captured before it moved downstream and filled in the deep spots of Boardman Pond. He also wondered why there was no action taken by the County Drain Commissioner Soil Erosion Control Officer.