

**Boardman River Dams Committee Communication Team  
Wednesday, August 23, 2006  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Room 112, Hagerty Center**

**Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Zachare Ball, Anne Brasie, Tim Dunlop, Jennifer Jay, Russ Knopp, Leslie Knopp, Herb Lemcool, Jim McIntyre, Joe VanderMeulen

1. The Communication Team Purpose Statement was reviewed and affirmed: *“The purpose of the Communication/Outreach Team is to develop strategy and recommend tactics that will stimulate the interest and participation of potentially interested parties in the Boardman River Dams Committee, ensuring their opportunity for input to the Implementation Team recommendation on the fate of the dams.”*
2. The portions of the ECT Draft Scope of Work related to communications were reviewed and discussed. The Team agreed that after the contract with ECT is in place, the Communications Team will meet with ECT to develop timelines and roles for committee volunteers to insure there is no duplication of effort.
3. The Team discussed the planned draw down of Boardman Pond and its impact on the credibility of the Boardman River Dams Committee and process. The Communications Team proposes that the BRDC approve the following resolution to be sent to Michigan DEQ officials and presented to the Grand Traverse County Commissioners on Wednesday, August 30, with a formal request for support.

**Proposed Resolution**

***The members of the Boardman River Dams Committee, in the interest of an open and transparent public process to study all options before determining the fate of the Boardman River dams, request the Michigan DEQ and Grand Traverse County delay taking action that will lower the water level of Boardman Pond, until the engineering and feasibility study and public process to study alternatives is complete. Both the Michigan DEQ and Grand Traverse County have committed to this process, and the Boardman River Dams Committee believes taking action now to lower the level of the pond will undermine public trust for the process now underway.***

4. The Communication Team will meet again after finalization of the contract for the Engineering and Feasibility study, or before then as needed to address specific issues.