

## Lake Asbury Municipal Service Benefit District

### June 2011 Lakelighter, Chairman's report

#### New Board:

Seat 1 - Linda Parrish, Lake Asbury

Seat 6 – Bob Schiefer, South Lake Asbury

Seat 2 - Bill Futch, Lake Asbury

Seat 7 – Bob Petrucci, Lake Asbury

Seat 3 - Lige Walden, Lake Asbury

Seat 8 – William Huggins, Lake Asbury

Seat 4 - Mark McMillan, Lake Ryan

Seat 9 – Carl Kocher, Lake Asbury

Seat 5 - Janet Lankes, South Lake Asbury

The Board will most likely be seated on July 25<sup>th</sup>, instead of July 11<sup>th</sup>. Please check our website ([www.lakeasbury.us](http://www.lakeasbury.us)) for the meeting date. In addition, please sign up for lake e-mail alerts on the website. We currently only have about 80 lake lot residents signed up for alerts. Note, once you have registered, you must confirm when in receipt of an e-mail.

#### A Call for Lake Residents to attend BCC Meetings:

There are a number of issues that will impact our lakes including the Seminole Village Watershed and the Henley Road Expansion. Let's review the Henley Rd Expansion. Most everyone agrees that road should be expanded. Most also agree that water runoff has to go somewhere. Our lakes have been slowly overwhelmed by sediment and increased water flow from the area watershed since the dams were built (1965 Lake Asbury, 1967 South Lake Asbury & 1970 Lake Ryan). Over the years the hydraulic head has expanded due to area growth placing increase pressure on dams now 46 years and getting older. Example: Lake Ryan dam was built in 1970 to support a watershed of approx 66 acres. Our District Engineer, Mike Kelter, in his initial review has built a watershed of approx 300+ acres impacting Lake Ryan. Can you imagine the new road's storm water erosion and sediment and rapid water flow which could predictably result in another Bush Court finger full of sand?

The county is suggesting a new water drain pipe from Henley Rd starting at 2916 Henley Rd approx 300 feet into South lake Asbury. If the past is any indication, this new pipe will deliver additional sediment and rapid water flow which could predictably result in another Bush court finger full of sand.

The water flow from the road's four lane expansion plus a turning lane is not suppose to exceed the water flow impact generated by the current two lane Henley Rd. I am not sure how you engineer to this conclusion. The lakes were already reeling from the water flow and sediment from a two lane road. The FLDEP Dam Safety Division, Dam Observation, June 22, 2009 had questions about the amount of water flowing into the lakes. Might this new project be aggravating the problem? This is the critical question for the Clay County Board of Commissioners (BCC).

**The county has not conducted any studies on the impact on the South Lake Asbury lake bottom from this new drain into the lake.** Our residents should be asking why.

The county engineers have stated they will include the dredging of the mouth of Lake Ryan in the construction of the new weir (small dam) across from Lake Ryan on Lake Asbury Dr and

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Bush Court at the county drain with the Henley Rd Expansion. Please note engineers can only recommend and do not approve funds. Only the BCC can appropriate funds. There is no reason to believe that anything different will occur on Bush Court where two years after the last dredging, the sediment began to break the water line. Will the BCC fund dredging every several years as the sediments return.

It is "basic law 101" that the county cannot harm the waters of Lake Asbury.

We understand the county cannot reduce 100% of the water flow and secondly we don't want a 100% reduction. Why can't the county reduce the amount of water flowing and sediments into the lakes by pipe into Black creek?

**We must respect the fact the county has to deal with major growth factors, money issues and in addition must keep the good of all Clay residents in their mind.**

**Lake Asbury residents must also deal with the slow degradation of our beautiful lakes and as a result a potential reduction in our quality of life and reduced property values. Our lakes are county retention ponds and our ageing dams need relief.**

The Board of Clay County Commissioners (BCC) meets **June 14<sup>th</sup> & June 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM**, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, BCC Administration Bldg.

I am suggesting that lake residents attend these meetings and **very respectfully** make their comments and ask the BCC a number of questions.

The district's website ([www.lakeasbury.us](http://www.lakeasbury.us)) includes details and more information is coming for those of you who want to become more familiar with the situation.

Carl Kocher

LAMSBD Chair