

Resolution 12-03-12-01

Whereas, the Geneva Lake Dam is critical to management of the level of Geneva Lake, which directly affects the lake's ecosystem and water quality, the value of property on and near the lake and the economic vitality of Walworth County and the surrounding region; and

Whereas, the dam is owned and operated by the Geneva Lake Level Corporation, a nonprofit organization established to preserve and protect Geneva Lake; and

Whereas, the Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), under its authority to regulate certain elements of dam operation, has established maximum and minimum levels for Geneva Lake and set requirements for minimum water discharges through the Geneva Lake Dam; and

Whereas, the WDNR is undertaking a stream assessment to evaluate the specific amount of discharge through the dam its staff considers appropriate and may require modifications to the operation of the Geneva Lake Dam in an effort to benefit areas downstream from Geneva Lake; and

Whereas, the Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake's Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of maintaining Geneva Lake at or above the Minimum Authorized Level of 863.93 feet above sea level NAVD datum of 1988 previously established by DNR in the 2002 Dam Operating Plan to protect Geneva Lake, its ecosystem and the regional economy.

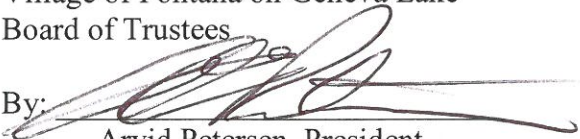
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake's Board of Trustees opposes any change in the operation of the Geneva Lake Dam that: (1) would permit Geneva Lake's level to decline below the Minimum Authorized Water Level established by Wisconsin DNR or (2) materially modify the historic management of the dam by the Geneva Lake Level Corporation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk be directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp, DNR Deputy Secretary Matt Moroney, Senator Neal Kedzie, and Representatives Tyler August and Amy Loudbeck and request their support for the Geneva Lake Level Corporation and the maintenance of the historic volume of minimum discharge through the Geneva Lake Dam and the established Minimum Authorized Water Level of Geneva Lake.

Approved and Adopted this 3rd day of December, 2012.

Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake
Board of Trustees

By:


Arvid Petersen, President

Attest:


Dennis Martin, Clerk