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Hello everyone,

I have an update on the valve issue from the Canal Corps. The Canal Corps contacted me this past Friday, March 5th, to let us all know that their staff made entry and RESOLVED the issue of the stuck valve. They were able to run it fully, open and closed. Staff will be out here, at the dam, weekly, to open and close the valve, just to make sure nothing gets stuck. (Keeping the valve in motion keeps it from getting stuck).

I realize that for some of our members it has been hard to wait for answers regarding the issue of the dam and the stuck valve. This has been an issue for much longer than I have been on the board.

I have been proceeding with the relationship I think the ELA wants (and should have) with the CC in a way that I believe was respectful towards their timeline and ability to get the manpower to get the job done. I felt that pushing beyond that and jeopardizing a new relationship that we have been fostering with the CC would not be wise move. I believe I have built a good and trusting relationship with my contacts at the CC that will help all of us in the long run. In particular, future Board members who may need to be in contact with CC in the future.

For those folks who may have been a little impatient and/or unhappy with the speed of the process to resolve the stuck valve issue, I can only say I have proceeded in a way that I felt would get us what we needed and wanted. In addition, to a fostering and maintaining a good working relationship with the CC.

When you are feeling unheard or impatient about a lake issue please remember that many of your board members are also still working full time jobs and have families to take care of in addition to our responsibility to our ELA. Which we do take seriously.

If you have questions or concerns please feel free to call me at my home or email me.

Eagerly anticipating summer!

Respectfully,
Colleen
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