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PUBLISHED FOR MEMBERS OF THE PAPAKEECHIE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

It's hard to believe that it's time for this newsletter to be written! To say that the summer has been flying by is an understatement.

On behalf of the Board, I'd like to welcome new members to the Association. If you haven't already received a By-Laws and Covenants booklet, or if anyone knows of someone who hasn't received one, please let me know. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, the By-laws and Covenants govern what we do to protect the integrity of our lake, the dam and levees. I encourage members to read the booklet to gain an understanding of why we do what we do here at Papakeechee. Periodically the Board will review the By-laws and propose an update (not the Covenants, those do not change). This next year we plan on doing this review.

This has been a full year for the Board regarding our dam and levee project. It's been rather difficult for many lake members regarding the special dam assessment. I want to mention that your Board recognizes the hardship for many members to pay the special dam assessment. I think you recognize the importance of this project with upgrading our dam and levees to meet code. We are all in this together, there's no exception. I want to thank you for following through and responding to this project by paying this assessment. We are still at the beginning of phase one, but we're progressing. The Board has approved the engineers to come and do their core borings and analysis study. This is required to help with determining what is needed regarding putting in toe drains and securing the integrity of the levees. The topographical survey is near completion. When you see Blake Doriot around the lake, please thank him for doing this survey. This is a big contribution towards our goal of completing this project. Now we're working on obtaining the permits needed to install the toe drains that are required. We'll be requesting bids to do this work hopefully in the very near future.

Again, this is part of the first phase in this project. If we continue working together and keeping our focus, we'll see this through maybe faster than originally planned!!

We've had our inspection by Earth Exploration in June and await the inspectors' report, which is due anytime. This inspection is what the State requires every two years. The Association contracted with Earth Exploration four years ago to do three inspections. This is the last of the three. This next year the Board will see if they will negotiate another contract where we can receive a break in inspection fees. We are also waiting for the results of the water testing that takes place every couple of years. We hope to have this by the annual meeting.

In addition to the special dam assessment plan for completing our dam and levee project, your Board has been researching alternate ways of raising monies. One of our Association members, Virginia Surso gave the Board a heads up regarding a grant to apply for. In the process of applying for this grant, the Board recognized how much it does not know about grant writing! If we're too hasty and do not complete applications correctly, we can close doors even before they open! Vice President, Jon Korejwa, was willing to attend a grant-writing workshop and is putting what he's learned into practice. We appreciate his enthusiasm and energy he's been putting into this part of our project. Our goal is to submit the application for this grant by the September deadline. It's our first attempt and although our hopes are high regarding the outcome, we do remain cautious and realistic it may not be accepted. We'll continue pursuing grants and entertain other ideas as they come up. Jon has also helped facilitate dialog with our State Representative, with the hopes of opening doors regarding our dam and levee project and obtaining assistance.

This has been a good year regarding weed maintenance. The chemicals were applied in the spring on time, and we've had Chris Hoy, District 5 Rep. Todd Hoy's son, out cutting just about every day. The harvester was performing satisfactorily until recently a hydraulic seal broke. Terry Radtke has been on top of things and has been working to repair this. We really appreciate Chris and Terry's participation with the weed maintenance. Even with the water being low, the lake really looks nice!

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ANNUAL MEETING! PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING! August 16th. Coffee and donuts 8:30 a.m. at the PPA building. The meeting will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. In addition to further updates we'll be holding elections for the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer positions plus for the District Representatives in the Even districts! The nominating committee will present a slate of members re-running for their positions. Association members can, the day of the meeting, also nominate someone or put themselves

on the ballot. Regarding the voting on the District Representatives, only Association members living in the respective district may vote for their representative. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Until then, enjoy the fishing, swimming and boating!!

Ron Schug
President
Papakeechee Protective Association



***Elections!
Updates!***

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting
for the Papakeechee Protective Association on
August 16, 2008

at the PPA building – coffee and donuts at 8:30
and the meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 am.