

VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-02

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BUCKEYE LAKE AREA
BUSINESSES AND PROPERTY OWNERS.

WHEREAS, businesses around Buckeye Lake in Licking, Fairfield and Perry Counties depend on the lake for their economic survival,

WHEREAS, property owners around Buckeye Lake, depend on the viability and quality of the lake for retaining their property values and investment.

WHEREAS, lake residents, visitors and tourists contribute greatly to the local economy through their support of local restaurants, marinas, bait shops, fuel stations, realtors, gift shops and other businesses in all three counties.

WHEREAS, the decision by ODNR not to close the spillway gate at Buckeye Lake has an immediate and potentially a long-term negative impact on the level of the water needed for a successful boating, fishing and tourism season.

THEREFORE, the Mayor of the Village of Buckeye Lake, Council President and Members of Village Council urge you to close the gate on the Buckeye Lake spillway immediately and to work closely with Buckeye Lake communities as you review and implement the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' findings and recommendations

* Rescinded on 3-23-15 by a 5-2 vote

PASSED THIS 9th DAY OF March, 2015

ATTEST: Valerie L. Hans
Valerie L. Hans, Clerk of Council Jeryne Peterson, President of Council

Clay Carroll, Mayor

Approved as to form: _____
Richard S. Bindley, Solicitor



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March 10, 2015

James Zehringer, Director
Ohio Department of Natural Resources
2045 Morse Road
Columbus OH 43229-6693

Delivered via fax

Dear Director Zehringer:

Village Council members of the Village of Buckeye Lake unanimously approved this letter at our March 9, 2015, regular meeting.

We recently learned via news reports that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources has decided to delay the traditional spring fill of Buckeye Lake to full pool levels until the Department receives and reviews the findings and recommendations of the pending U.S. Army Corps of Engineers assessment. Reaching full pool generally takes six to eight weeks, with full pool typically achieved by the last week of April.

The loss of three to four weeks of March rain and snowmelt could significantly delay full pool to late May or June. Such a delay would have a tremendous impact on our local economy that has struggled to survive another tough winter. Hundreds of jobs and dozens of businesses depend on Buckeye Lake's recreational season which attracts thousands of visitors to our lake communities.

The uncertainty created by the decision to delay the spring fill-up is already negatively affecting our communities as boat purchases are cancelled, vacation plans changed and events are relocated or cancelled. While we are obviously concerned about the public safety of our residents and visitors, no evidence has been presented that this year's fill-up poses any more risk than in past decades. However, if full pool is significantly delayed or not reached this year, our lake communities WILL suffer tremendous losses in employment, local business activity and property values.

We urge you to close the gate on the Buckeye Lake spillway immediately and to work closely with Buckeye Lake communities as you review and implement the Corps findings and recommendations. We are confident that our residents and visitors can be protected without destroying our lake-based economy. Thank you for your understanding.

Mayor of Village of Buckeye Lake

Council President

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1st Reading X 2nd Reading _____ 3rd Reading _____

Motion to SUSPEND the Rules 1st Wells 2nd Zwissler

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>NAY</u>	
HERRON, Barry	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	
MASONE, Robert	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	
MCCORMICK, Mickey	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	
PETERSON, Jeryne	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	
RUTON, Arletta	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	
WELLS, Peggy	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	
ZWISSLER, Kitty	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	
TOTALS	<u>7</u>		<u>0</u>	MOTION PASSES/FAILS (Majority Required)

Motion to ADOPT the Motion 1st Wells 2nd Zwissler

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>NAY</u>	
HERRON, Barry	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	
MASONE, Robert	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	
MCCORMICK, Mickey	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	
PETERSON, Jeryne	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	
RUTON, Arletta	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	
WELLS, Peggy	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	
ZWISSLER, Kitty	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	
TOTALS	<u>7</u>		<u>0</u>	MOTION PASSES/FAILS (Majority Required)

I certify that the above action is a true and accurate account of the proceedings.

Valerie A. Hans
Valerie Hans
Clerk of Council