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Mr. Jim Ulett
Chairman, Lost Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
445 Rose Avenue
Des Plaines, IL 60016

IP-NO-2019-64-03716

Subject: Dam Ownership Transfer of the Lost Lake Dam, Field File #63.31, KSN 1511, Vilas County, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Ulett (Chair of Lost Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District):

We have reviewed the application to transfer ownership of the Lost Lake Dam located on a navigable stream located in the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 9, Township 40 North, Range 8 East, in the Township of St. Germain, Vilas County, Wisconsin. The dam permit # WP-IP-NO-2019-64-03716 is hereby transferred from Vilas County to the Lost Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District.

Attached is a copy of your permit which lists the conditions which must be followed. Please read your permit conditions carefully so that you are fully aware of what is expected of you. It is important that you keep this permit and all applicable information related to the dam in a secure location so that if you transfer this property in the future this information is readily available.

If you have any questions about your permit, please call me at (715) 284-1418 or email to Mark.Stephenson@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

Mark Stephenson, PE
Dam Safety Engineer
Black River Falls Service Center
(715) 284-1418

cc: Dawn Schmidt, Vilas County Zoning Administrator, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521
Carolyn Scholl, Vilas County Land and Water Conservationist, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521

BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Application to Transfer Ownership of the Lost)	
Lake Dam on Lost Lake, Town of St. Germain,)	WP-IP-NO-2019-64-03716
Vilas County, Wisconsin to the Lost Lake)	
Protection and Rehabilitation District.)	
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FINDINGS OF FACT, PERMIT AND ORDER

Vilas County completed filing an application with the Department on 10/23/2019 for a permit under Section 31.185, Wisconsin Statutes, to transfer ownership of the Lost Lake Dam located in the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 9, Township 40 North, Range 8 East, Town of St. Germain, Vilas County, to the Lost Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, Jim Ulett, Chair of the Lost Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, 445 Rose Avenue, Des Plaines, IL 60016. Permit granted, and order issued.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Vilas County, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521, completed filing an application with the Department on 10/23/2019, for a permit under Section 31.185, Wisconsin Statutes, to transfer ownership of the Lost Lake Dam in Vilas County to the Lost Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (Jim Ulett, Chair of the Lost Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District) 445 Rose Avenue, Des Plaines, IL 60016.
2. The Lost Lake Dam is an authorized dam in the State of Wisconsin, Vilas County with a Field File Number of 63.31, Key Sequence Number of 1511.
3. The Lost Lake Dam is a small dam with a structural height of 3.5 feet of water and a maximum storage capacity of 3240 acre-feet of water at maximum pool elevation in a drainage basin of roughly 8.1 mi².
4. An investigation was made on June 20, 2019 of the dam by staff of the Department as required by Section 31.185, Wisconsin Statutes.
5. The proposed transfer of ownership will not adversely affect water quality, nor will it increase water pollution in Lost Creek, nor will it cause environmental pollution as defined in Subsection 144.01(3), Wisconsin Statutes, if the conditions of the order are complied with.
6. The proposed transfer will not adversely affect public rights in navigable waters and will not endanger life, health and property upon compliance with the conditions in the order.
7. The Department has evaluated the project in light of the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (Section 1.11, Statutes) and has concluded that the grant or denial of the permit requested would not constitute a major state action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.
8. The proposed transfer will not adversely impact wetlands as defined in Section NR 103, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Department has the authority under Sections 31.14(2) and (4) and 31.185, Wisconsin Statutes, with the foregoing Findings of Fact, to issue a permit transferring ownership of the Lost Lake Dam from Vilas County to the Lost Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District subject to the conditions contained in the order herein.
2. The Department has complied with the requirements of Section 1.11, Wisconsin Statutes.

PERMIT

AND THEREFORE HEREBY THERE DOES ISSUE AND IS GRANTED to the Lost Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District a permit under Section 31.14(2) and (4) and 31.185, Wisconsin Statutes, authorizing the transfer of the Lost Lake Dam in the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 9, Township 40 North, Range 8 East Town of St. Germain, Vilas County, from Vilas County to the Lost Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District subject to the conditions in the order.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Not later than 45 days from the date hereof, the Lost Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District or their agent shall advise the Department in writing of their acceptance of the permit and the conditions specified herein.
2. No transfer of ownership of the dam from the Lost Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District shall take place without proper authority under Section 31.185, Wisconsin Statutes.
3. The Findings-of-Fact Permit and Order herein shall be recorded with the Register of Deeds, Vilas County, in connection with the land described herein, within 30 days after the date of this order and this Department shall be notified what volume and page it is registered on within 15 days after completion of the project.

Dated at Black River Falls Wisconsin on 10/28/2019.

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
For the Secretary

By 

Mark Stephenson, PE
Dam Safety Engineer