

Deadline For Upper Lake Donations May 9



Workmen are shown here operating machine which planted future Christmas trees on Osgood property near city. (Staff Photo)

Temperature 89, But Osgoods Planted Christmas Trees Here

With the temperature at a family turned its thoughts to record-setting 89 degrees on Christmas trees!

Saturday, the Summer Osgood

WATERSHED TO AID LAKE

GRUNDY CENTER, IA. — Grundy and Hardin county owners have joined to provide needed support for the 9,500 acre Upper Pine Lake watershed project.

The legislature passed a \$3,500 Upper Pine Lake improvement bill with the proviso that at least three-fourths of the landowners agree to carry out soil conservation practices.

The area planted, consisting of about 20 acres, is in the ASC conservation reserve.

Complete Sign-up

The two conservationists, Max Hawk in Grundy county and Cal Moore in Hardin county, have completed the sign-up of landowners in the two counties.

A little more than half of the watershed area of 9,500 acres or 13.9 miles is located in Shiloh and Melrose townships in Grundy county and 14 farms are included in the list of those agreeing to carry out soil conservation practices.

ACP Payments

It is expected that a dam will be built at the south end of the lake this next summer which will result in raising of the lake level five feet and increase the lake area from 50 acres up to 102 acres.

Special emphasis will be placed on terracing, contouring, grassed waterways and other soil conservation practices to reduce the silting of the lake. Landowners are expected to make use of agricultural conservation program (ACP) payments to help out on conservation in the watershed.

Upper Pine Lake Fund Now Stands At \$10,631.72

Further Donations Still Encouraged By Improvement Group

Following a \$1,325.57 donation from the local American Legion, that amount added at their Wednesday night tag, the Pine Lake Improvement Fund now stands at \$10,631.72, according to Roy Atherton, chairman of the improvement committee.

Although the donation goal has been officially reached, Atherton emphasizes the point that additional money received will be placed in a permanent Pine Lake Improvement Fund, to be established for added improvements on the lake.

Following the reaching of the improvement goal, Hardin county is able to report three of the four provisions completed of the \$93,000 Upper Pine Lake Bill Governor Herschel C. Loveless signed into law the latter part of March.

The only incomplete provision of the donation of \$5,000 by the county conservation board, which earlier announced it would donate the funds following procurement of the \$10,000 and completion of the 75 percent conservation requirement.

Eighty percent of the Pine Lake watershed land of Hardin and Grundy counties has now been signed into the soil conservation district program, according to Cal Moore, Hardin county conservationist. Plans are now being made for construction of an earth dam on the gully south of the Pine Lake Wildlife Club. The state will pay 40 per cent of the costs with the Wildlife Club planning a benefit stag at a later date to help finance the remainder of the project.

The watershed conservation requirement was met by April 15, while the fourth and remaining requirement, that the county construct a new bridge on the north-south road east of the lake, was satisfied with the letting of the contract to Welden Bros. of Iowa Falls.

A survey party from the state conservation commission arrived in Eldora the latter part of April to determine the new water level of the Upper Lake based on the raising of the dam five feet, which will in turn determine the exact amount of land to be purchased for the project.

Following completion and acceptance of the plan, bids will be let and the state budget and financial committee will release the \$93,000 state funds following approval.

Construction work on the new \$13,160.09 bridge over Pine Creek began the last week of April. The bridge will be a 55-foot pre-stressed concrete structure.

Wm. Frank, state supervisor of erosion control, and Everett Pierce, state soil erosion technician, worked with Hardin County Conservationist Cal Moore on erosion control in the area adjacent to the lake during the latter part of April. The men were interested in repair and maintenance of the existing erosion control structures.

The bill signed by Loveless, which will enlarge Upper Pine Lake from 72 to 106 acres by raising the dam five feet, will make the Upper Lake large enough (over 100 acres) for use by boats with outboard motors. It will make Pine Lake State Park the largest complete vacation area in Central Iowa and provide additional lake shore for possible cottage and camp sites.

Representative Paul Walter of Union was very instrumental in passage of the bill in the Iowa Legislature.

Members of the Pine Lake Improvement Committee include Atherton, chairman, George Janssen, Harold H. Lulken, Don Priske, Dr. C. G. Gould, Troy Jones, Gene Setchell, Warren McCormick, Ed Orgell, Bill McCall, George Stauffacher, C. O. Rubow, George O'Bryon, Virgil Schmidt, John Starr, Lew Throssel, Cliff Shannon, Ted Livengood, Gregory Webster, Heinie Eckhoff, Doyle Felton, V. L. Reagan, Don LaVelle, Cal Moore and Robert Seggerman.

Total Increases By Over \$1,000; Now Reads \$8,261

State Officials Are Now Working Here; Bridge Work Begins

Following donation increases of over \$1,000 this past weekend, the Pine Lake Improvement Committee have reported that the \$10,000 Upper Lake goal should be reached by Saturday, May 9.

Donations toward the Upper Pine Lake Project stood at \$8,261 at press time Monday morning, a substantial increase over the \$7,240 total reported last Thursday.

A meeting of the improvement committee was held Saturday morning at which time plans were drawn up for the inclusion of the farm population of the Eldora community in the improvement drive, chairman, Roy Atherton reported.

In other lake developments, a survey party from the state conservation commission arrived in Eldora last week for the purpose of determining the new water level based on the raising of the dam five feet, which will in turn determine the exact amount and site of land to be purchased for the project.

Following the survey, plans and specifications of the spillway and new dam will be drawn and a working scale model constructed to test the workability of the project. The study is expected to take from three to six months.

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Construction also began last week on the new \$13,160.09 bridge over Pine Creek, another requirement of the improvement bill. Welden Bros. are now in the process of tearing down the old wooden

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bridge and constructing a 55-foot pre-stressed concrete structure, located on the north-south road east of the present lake.

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Seventy-nine percent of the Hardin county watershed land is now under soil conservation practices, according to Moore.