

# Walter to Ask State Funds for Upper Pine Lake Dam Study

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Monday Representative Paul M. Walter of Hardin County was scheduled to go before the State Conservation capital Improvements sub-committee for appropriations of the State Legislature to request \$6,000 for an engineering study of Upper Pine Lake. Purpose of the study would be to determine costs and problems related to increasing the size of the Upper Lake from 72 acres to 106.5 acres by raising the Pine Creek dam. This would be of sufficient size to allow the use of boats with outboard motors.

Walter was named to the Capital Improvements sub-committee Friday of last week. Saturday he told the Eldora newspapers that the committee would divide a million and a half appropriation between the State Parks of Iowa starting Monday and that requests totaling \$6 and \$7 million were already in.

The request for the \$6,000 engineering fund is based on a preliminary report made by the

State Conservation Commission following a visit of Governor Herschel Loveless to the Upper Lake last summer.

This report estimated the cost of the project at \$123,000 and suggested that funds be made available to proceed with the studies.

Should the appropriation committee refuse to include the \$6,000 request in their State Park program, Walter said he would then submit a special bill to the legislature for a direct appropriation of \$123,000 plus \$6,000 for the engineering study. This is the full amount of the completed project as estimated by the state in the report made to Mayor George Janssen by Governor Loveless last August.

Estimated costs follow:  
Land purchase 50 acres  
at \$200 ..... \$10,000  
Sluiceway reconstruction 7,500  
Raise Dam ..... 10,000  
Raise County Road bridge  
..... 10,000

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| Rebuild Spillway .....                       | 60,000           |
| Shoreline Protection .....                   | 15,000           |
| Engineering, Excluding-<br>Model Study ..... | 8,000            |
| Model Study .....                            | 3,000            |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>\$123,000</b> |

Governor and Mrs. Loveless spent an afternoon in the Pine Lake State Park area in June last year. Loveless personally inspected the dam on the upper lake and indicated to a local committee that he would investigate the possibilities of improving the area.

Walter has had two sessions with a local committee headed by Roy Atherton during the past week on the proposal. Serving with Atherton are Cal Moore of the Soil Conservation Service; George Janssen, Mayor of Eldora; Harold H. Luiken of Steamboat Rock, a member of the Hardin County Conservation Board; Don Priske, president of the Eldora Chamber of Commerce and George R. Stauffer of the Eldora Newspapers.