

State Recommends Enlarging Upper P. L.

Plan Calls For Local Funds To Purchase Land

Options Being Secured;
Loveless-Walter In
Special Meeting

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BULLETIN

Thursday morning Representative Paul M. Walter called the Herald-Index to report that the sub-committee on appropriations had recommended \$93,500 in state funds for the enlarging of Upper Pine Lake providing local funds are made available to secure additional land.

Walter said he expected the plan to be approved by the regular appropriations committee and pass both the house and senate.

"We are over the important hurdle now," the Hardin County Representative said.

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Options on land adjoining the northeast end of Upper Pine Lake were being secured Tuesday and Wednesday after word was received from Representative Paul M. Walter that the State Conservation Capital Improvements committee was giving serious consideration to a \$123,000 project to increase the size of the lake here.

It has been estimated that 50 acres of land would have to be obtained if the dam is raised five feet and the present 72-acre lake increased to 106 acres.

The plan now expected to go before the appropriation committee was arrived at after Representative Walter and Governor Herschel Loveless met Monday morning.

It calls for the state spending \$93,500 for the construction of a new spillway—dam providing the community secure the land and the county raise a small stretch of road and a bridge along the east side of the lake.

The other provision calls for the County Conservation Board to spend \$5,000 and this would be matched by \$5,000 in state funds to be used to improve state owned land around the lake.

Walter told the Herald-Index that it was important that the options be obtained at once and that the Board of Supervisors give some assurance that the road and bridge matter could be taken care of before the appropriation committee and the plan reaches the floor of the house and senate.

LOVELESS ASSIST

Representative Walter said Governor Loveless is highly interested in the project and offered his cooperation.

A local committee of the Chamber of Commerce headed by Roy Atherton met with Hardin county representative Walter again last weekend and provided him with detailed soil conservation maps of the Pine Lake water shed and other pertinent information on the state park.

"It is important that 75 per cent of the farm land around the lake be under a conservation program", the legislator said.

C. O. Rubow of Eldora and Ben Jaspers of Steamboat Rock were named to secure options on the land for a six months period. Farms around the lake are owned by Wm. Schuneman, E. J. Clary, John Snapp and Guy Norris.

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; C. O. Rubow, of the Pine Lake Wildlife Club; Ben Jaspers, Steamboat Rock, Lew Throssel, Eldora and George R. Stauffacher of the Eldora Newspapers.

Following a visit by Governor Loveless to the park and the upper lake dam last June State Conservation Commission engineers estimated the cost of the entire project at \$123,000. At that time it was pointed out that the present spillway was weakened during the 1947 high waters and needed repairs.