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House Passes Plan to Enlarge Upper Lake; Expect Senate Action After Mid-term Recess

Options Taken On Land By Local Committee

Plans to enlarge Upper Pine Lake at Eldora were approved by the State Appropriations committee and the Iowa House of Representatives before the mid-term break Friday and now goes to the Iowa Senate for final consideration.

Hardin County Representative Paul M. Walter of Union told Roy Atherton, chairman of the Pine Lake Improvement Committee, Saturday that Senate action on the \$123,000 program could be expected soon after the legislature reconvenes March 9.

The Upper Lake project is a part of the State Parks Capital Improvements appropriation which includes an improvement of considerable size at Storm Lake. A proposal to dredge Storm Lake is meeting some opposition but thus far our Pine Lake project has encountered no trouble, Walter said.

The plan calls for raising the Upper Lake dam five feet. This will increase the lake from 72 acres to 106, large enough, under state law, for boats with outboard motors.

Last week a committee composed of C. O. Rubow, and George Janssen of Eldora and Ben Jaspers of Steamboat Rock contacted farmers owning land adjoining the lake in regard to securing options. It has been estimated that 50 acres will be needed and that it may be necessary to raise

\$10,000 locally to meet the land purchase plan outlined by the state.

Options have already been secured from Wm. Schuneman and Guy Norris. E. J. Clary and John Snapp have both indicated that they will sign this week.

The proposal now before the senate provides that the state spend \$93,500 for the construction of a new spillway-dam; the community secure approximately 50 acres of land; the county raise and maintain a small stretch of road and construct a new bridge on the north-south road east of the present lake; the County Conservation board contribute \$5,000 to the project to be matched by \$5,000 by the state for conservation work on state owned land around the lake.

Monday Atherton met with Senator John Walker of Williams for the purpose of acquainting him with the project and local committee action.

Walter told the Herald-Index Saturday that if the senate approval is given and all requirements are met locally it would then be possible to get work underway in July this year.