

APPENDIX E

Meeting Notes

Cannon Creek Lake Study - Advisory Committee Meeting 8-17-06

Attendees:

Robert W. Vaughn, PE, PLS

Mark Woods - Cumberland Gap National Historical Park

Bill Bunch - Pineville Water Commission

Harold W. Williams - Kentucky Division of Forestry

Bill Kelley - Bell County Judge Executive

John K. Schneider, PLS – Vaughn & Melton

Being the first meeting of the committee, Judge Kelley began by welcoming the group and explaining that the purpose of this committee would be to provide input, feedback and pertinent information to the Project Study Team and to represent the issues and concerns of local government, citizens and interest groups within the Cannon Creek study area. Further that the members had been chosen because of their particular knowledge, previous experience with such projects and/or their vested interest in this project. Mr. Kelley also stated that Judy Barton had agreed to be a part of the committee but was unable to attend this meeting and he plans to recruit one additional member in the near future.

Mr. Vaughn then distributed copies of the project scope and following review asked for additional items that should be considered during the study. Major comments were as follows:

Bill Bunch suggested that the study should address the long term ownership of the lake, lake watershed and surrounding properties and that the issue of a watershed protection plan be considered.

Mr. Vaughn indicated he was aware of two other area lakes where similar development existed, Wood Creek and a Lake in Lincoln County. He suggested that those lakes be researched for information pertinent to this project.

Mark Woods raised the question of current management of the lake? It was the general consensus that no one was formally managing the lake property beyond what the Pineville Utility Commission was doing. All agreed that base information was needed.

Bill Bunch and Judge Kelley explained plans for future sewer extensions to the area of the lake all agreed that these along with other known system improvements should be incorporated into the study.

Judge Kelley discussed other vendors that were considering Canoe trips along both the Cumberland River and Yellow Creek.

Bill Bunch offered to supply drawings for the dam and intake construction.

At the close of discussions, it was suggested that Vaughn & Melton will perform “data gathering” of items discussed today as well as other information needed to begin work. This “data” will be presented to the committee in early October, exact date to be determined.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted – John K. Schneider, PLS

Cannon Creek Lake Study
Advisory Committee Meeting
October 19, 2006

The Advisory Committee met at 10 am at Vaughn & Melton's Middlesboro office. The following people attended:

Bill Kelley – Bell County Judge-Executive
Robert Vaughn – Bell County Citizen
Judy Barton – Bell County Tourism
Mark Woods – Cumberland Gap National Historical Park
Bill Bunch – Pineville Utility Commission
Harold Williams – Kentucky Division of Forestry
Clint Goodin – Project Manager, Vaughn & Melton

Mr. Goodin gave an update on the project and provided answers to some questions from the first committee meeting. The lake is owned by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Both the Division of Water's Dam Safety Branch and Water Quality Branch have been contacted about this project. Guidelines for development were provided by the Dam Safety Branch, and Vaughn & Melton is awaiting a reply from Water Quality. The Department of Fish & Wildlife who stock Cannon Creek Lake with fish were contacted concerning this study. Their only comment was to provide a buffer zone around the lake without any development to allow public fishing areas.

After the update, the group provided input about possible features and concerns. Water quality is a major concern since this lake is the source of water for Pineville and Bell County. Private septic systems and residential runoff were identified as two sources of pollution that must be controlled with any type of development. Mining may also affect water quality and the status of any mining permits in the watershed should be included in the study report. As part of the attractions to consider, the committee highly recommended ATV and horse trails. Although these facilities have some liability issues, they are a growth segment for tourism in our area. Examples of these types of facilities are an ATV trail at Land Between the Lakes and an ATV park in Harlan County. A recommendation was also made that the RV park handle the larger trucks and trailers that horse owners and trail riders use.

The next meeting is planned for late November or early December where a draft of the study will be given to the committee.

Cannon Creek Lake Study
Advisory Committee Meeting
February 22, 2007

The Advisory Committee met at 10 am at Vaughn & Melton's Middlesboro office. The following people attended:

Albey Brock – Bell County Judge-Executive
Hubert Dozier – Bell County Magistrate
Coye Silcox – Bell County Magistrate
Robert Vaughn – Bell County Citizen
Bill Bunch – Pineville Utility Commission
Clint Goodin – Project Manager, Vaughn & Melton
Sherri Chappell - Vaughn & Melton

Mr. Vaughn welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Sherri Chappell.

Ms. Chappell distributed a draft copy of the plan. Then she gave an update on the project and provided answers to some questions from the previous committee meeting. A map was presented showing the developable lands around the lake. Costs have been calculated for the roadway, water, and RV park. Other costs are still being tabulated. Division of Dam Safety has reviewed the Cannon Creek Dam file and stated it is possible to construct a road across the dam. Guidelines in the draft plan were reviewed by committee members.

After the update, the group provided input about possible features and concerns. In regards to establishing a board to oversee development affecting the lake, Bill Bunch requested some type of enforcement be addressed to assist in guidelines being followed. The committee requested to investigate the use of gasoline motors on the lake. As part of the attractions to consider, the committee highly recommended ATV trails. Although these facilities have some liability issues, they are a growth segment for tourism in our area. Examples of these types of facilities are an ATV trail at Land Between the Lakes and an ATV park in Harlan County.

A public meeting is planned for late March where the information in the report will be present to the public.

Public Meeting Announcement

The Bell County Fiscal Court will be holding a public meeting in the meeting room on the 3rd floor of the Bell County Courthouse on Thursday March 22nd regarding the Cannon Creek Lake Development Study. This study addresses the feasibility of developing public lands in the Cannon Creek Lake Watershed for recreational uses and establishing guidelines for the development of adjacent private lands. This meeting will be an open format for interested citizens to arrive at their convenience between the hours of 5 pm and 7 pm to discuss concerns and address questions to the consultants developing the study.