

RESOLUTION

JIM CHAPMAN (COOPER) LAKE AND WHITE OAK CREEK MITIGATION AREA MASTER

WHEREAS, In 1955 Jim Chapman Lake was authorized as a multipurpose project; and

WHEREAS, White Oak Creek Mitigation Area was purchased in an effort to mitigate for the loss of bottomland hardwood and wildlife displaced by flooding caused by the creation of Jim Chapman Lake; and

WHEREAS, Totaling 58,022 acres, the Jim Chapman Lake and White Oak Creek Mitigation Area is located on the Sulphur River and is an integral component of the larger Sulphur River Basin; and

WHEREAS, Design, funding delays and extensive litigation opposing the lake delayed the original Master Plan of 1988 for many years; and

WHEREAS, Both are projects of the U.S. Corps of Engineers undergoing a complete revision of the 1987 Jim Chapman Lake Master Plan and the White Creek Mitigation Area Supplement of 1990; and

WHEREAS, The congressionally authorized objectives for Jim Chapman Lake are flood control, water supply, environmental stewardship, wildlife adaptation authorized within the White Oak Creek Mitigation Area while providing regionally important outdoor recreation opportunities throughout; and

WHEREAS, The Corp of Engineers proposes in the new Master Plan inter alia to further restrict 7,200 acres as "environmentally sensitive" which will further complicate and likely prohibit any additional opportunities to add more recreational facilities of any kind on the land and reduce the already small "intensive use recreation" area by 250 acres; and

WHEREAS, The Commissioners Court of Hopkins County requests the Corp of Engineers to postpone the Jim Chapman Lake and White Oak Creek Mitigation Area Master Plan to give the stakeholders and local citizens an opportunity in the next 2 years to work with the Corp of Engineers and Texas Parks and Wildlife to study and develop a strategic plan and recreation blueprint to maximize both the current assets and future possibilities for the lake.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Hopkins County supports the delay of the Jim Chapman Lake and White Oak Mitigation Area Master Plan for the purpose of providing time to prepare the best plan toward the development.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th of April of 2023 .

Robert Newsom
Robert Newsom, Hopkins County Judge

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Mickey Barker, Commissioner, Pct. 1

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