

## Appendix B. January 28, 2004 Public Meeting Minutes

Attendance: 116 including 12 DNR staff

### Agenda:

1. DNR, NRCS, Earth Tech staff introductions, brief history of project, funding sources to buy the land, lake development schedule - Marion Conover.
2. Proposed lake developments, fish stocking - Don Kline.
3. Environmental review of project - history and findings. FWS need for an Environmental Assessment and 30-day scoping process.
4. Questions, Comments and Responses
  - Has the DNR looked to see if the lake will impact the gas line and pump station? Pump station is above elevation 720 and communication continues between the DNR and Magillan on possible impacts of the lake to the gas line.
  - Will the DNR cut stream flow completely off when filling the lake? The DNR will work with the CORPS during the permitting process on any required flow releases.
  - Will the Utica Ridge Road culvert be impacted by the lake? The lake at normal pool will not impact the culverts.
  - Will equestrian trails be developed around the lake? Equestrian trails may present a compatibility issue with the FWS that may need to be worked out. Bob Sheets stated the Wildlife policy does not permit equestrian trails on fish and wildlife areas. But individuals may ride on the area.
  - Will rezoning private land around the lake be permitted for residential development? Tim Huey, Director Scott County of Planning and Development stated that the land will continue to be zoned for agriculture. The person that presented the question did not want private landowners to capitalize over the presence of the lake.
  - Will any steps be taken to separate duck hunting from angling? Angling is and will remain the principle use on the lake. No other activity can conflict negatively with fishing. If this occurs the other activity will be restricted so it will not impact fishing. It was mentioned that waterfowl hunting does not conflict with fishing on other fish and wildlife areas.
  - Will northern pike be stocked in the lake? Explanation of walleye stocking policy, no northern will be stocked but may consider stocking muskellunge as a trophy fish. Smallmouth bass is another species that might be stocked.
  - What will the DNR do to keep yellow bass out of the lake? Person cited Lake Anita and DNR recently renovated the lake because of yellow bass. Response was educated the public not to introduce species.
  - Why does not the DNR armor more shoreline? The DNR has so much money and must stay within what the budget will allow. As much shore as possible will be armored.
  - Does the DNR have the money for construction? In the 5-year capital plan, money has been budgeted for lake construction.
  - What kind of spillway structure does the lake have? Doug Schindel (Earth Tech) explained the spillway type.
  - Individual - Thank you DNR and owners that sold land for the lake.