

THE STATE OF TEXAS        ()

October 8, 1951

COUNTY OF JOHNSON        ()

BE IT REMEMBERED that at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Johnson County held in the court house at Cleburne, Texas the following member were present: Honorable H. G. Littlefair, County Judge, W. M. Coward, Commissioner Precinct 1, S. W. Evans, Commissioner Precinct 2, V. L. Maddox, Commissioner Precinct 3, M. W. Roland, Commissioner Precinct 4, and Louis B. Lee, County Clerk. Among other things they did the following:

A motion was made by Commissioner Coward, seconded by Commissioner Evans that all proper and duly endorsed bills against Johnson County be allowed and ordered paid as submitted. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Coward, seconded by Commissioner Roland that the resignation of Carroll Thompson as Assistant County Agent effective October 22, 1951 be accepted and that John E. Burleson be appointed Assistant County Agent effective October 15, 1951, at a salary of \$110.00 per month. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Coward that Avis Boyd and Mrs. Warda Eller be employed in the Tax Assessor-Collectors' office at salaries of \$165.00 each per month, effective October 1, 1951. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Coward that the following order be accepted by the Commissioners Court. All voted aye. The order is as follows:

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On the 8 day of October, 1951 came on to be heard by the Commissioners' Court of Johnson County, Texas at a regular term of such Court the question as to whether the county should enter into agreements whereby the employees of the county would be authorized to participate in the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance System of the Federal Government.

On motion by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Coward, that the County of Johnson enter into all necessary agreements with the State Department of Public Welfare in order that the provisions of House Bill 603, Acts 52<sup>nd</sup> Leg., R. S. 1951 and Public Law 734, 81<sup>st</sup> Congress, ch. 809, 2d, H. R.

6000 be carried out, and such motion having been placed to a vote and having carried unanimously;

It is hereby ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the County of Johnson enter into all necessary agreements with the State Department of Public Welfare for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the above mentioned acts.

The Hon. H. G. Littlefair, County Judge, is hereby appointed as Agent of such county to execute all necessary agreements and instruments for and in behalf of the County.

It is further ordered that a sufficient sum of money be allocated and set aside from the proper fund and to be known as the County of Johnson Social Security Fund for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the above mentioned acts. Such Social Security Fund shall be set aside and maintained in the County Depository.

H. G. Littlefair, County Judge

W. M. Coward, Commissioner of Precinct No. 1

S. W. Evans, Commissioner of Precinct No. 2

ATTEST:

Vern Maddox, Commissioner of Precinct No. 3

Louis B. Lee, County Clerk

M. W. Roland, Commissioner of Precinct No. 4

and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court of Johnson County, Texas

(Seal)

That Social Security for Johnson County Employees shall include all elective positions and all full time salaried employees. The following classes of employees shall be excluded: (1) any service of an emergency nature (2) Any part time positions (3) positions paid on a fee basis.

A motion was made by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Roland, that the following resolution be accepted. All voted aye.

Pursuant to the invitation extended in the notice of the public hearing to be held at Whitney, Texas, on the eighteenth of October, 1951, the following is submitted with reference to the Master Plan for the reservoir development and management at Whitney Dam and Reservoir.

FORWARD

The proposed plan for the development and management of the Whitney Reservoir has been reviewed with interest, and the general purposes and objective of providing recreational facilities for the public interest is heartily endorsed and recommended. The program as outlined in the pamphlet of

general information provides for present and future public park locations to be leased or operated under the supervision of National, State, local or other government agencies. These sites appear to be well selected, and if suitably developed should provide adequate public park facilities. It is sincerely hoped that each and every location will be developed as soon as possible by some public agency. It is recommended that all of the proposed locations be scheduled for initial and immediate development.

It appears, however, that the proposed plan does not clearly provide ways and means so that private enterprise, either individually or collectively, may utilize and develop recreational facilities in conjunction with privately owned homes and business enterprises located on land not owned by the government but near or adjacent to the reservoir. The following proposal is therefore submitted in the nature of supplementary plans and policies to those contained in the bulletin of general information.

#### INSTALLATION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR PRIVATE USE

The general policies of management, as announced, are designed to make the government controlled lands surrounding the lake available to the general public to the fullest extent compatible with an orderly and planned management. It is desired that such main objective be maintained; and without restricting such use by the general public, it is considered desirable to provide in the overall plan for the installation of recreational facilities, such as boat docks, landings, fishing piers, and other similar installations along the lake shore in the areas not developed for public parks.

Lake Whitney, being located in a well-populated area of Central Texas and close to Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco, and other large and smaller cities, has attracted and will attract a large number of individuals to acquire sites in the vicinity of the lake for their private homes and recreational camps. Many home site subdivisions have already been established at various locations all around the lake, and it may be reasonably anticipated that, if not curtailed by unreasonable restrictions and prohibitions, many more areas will be developed on non-governmental land with private capital for the location of private homes and recreational camps. Already there are approximately seven hundred tracts that have been purchased or leased by private individuals or groups for such developments. It is highly desirable, and in fact absolutely necessary, that such persons be afforded not only access to the lake shore, but some means of

providing adequate recreational facilities on government owned and controlled land for their private uses.

It is therefore proposed that there be incorporated into the Master Plan the following:

1. In addition to the areas used for public parks, the lake shore, where accessible, will be made available to private individuals and groups, along with the general public to use for recreational facilities, such as boating, fishing, or swimming.

2. Upon securing proper permit from the Project Engineer and by complying with the prescribed specifications and regulations to secure safety, any individuals or groups shall be allowed to construct and maintain private boat docks, landings, fishing piers and other similar recreational facilities as may be desired for their use, provided the same are located in such areas as not to interfere with the full use of the lake shore for the public generally.

#### PRIVATE COMMERCIAL FACILITIES:

As indicated in the general plan, there are approximately 190 miles of shore line at the top of the contemplated power pool at Lake Whitney. There are proposed for immediate development nine sites and for future development seven sites as public park areas. Even with all of these sites fully developed as public parks, there will exist a need for additional privately owned and operated commercial facilities at various points about the lake shore. At the present time, even before the lake has hardly begun to fill, many tracts of land have been acquired and are being now developed for commercial operations in the vicinity of the lake, and many more are contemplated in the near future. These commercial establishments provide a type of service that cannot be expected in the public developed areas and in order to have a well-rounded program, it is absolutely necessary that some provision be made whereby the privately owned and operated commercial establishments on non-government land in the vicinity of the lake can be afforded some means of constructing recreational facilities with private capital under suitable lease agreement and subject to the rules and regulations as prescribed by the government. For example, a proprietor having a group of camp cabins near the lake front on non-government land must have a boat dock, boats and motors for rent, bait supplies, and other things necessary to provide a full and well-balanced recreational camp for the patrons. The proposed plan does not appear to

contemplate that in the public park areas cabins will be built or other facilities provided for living quarters, but in such areas the program contemplates that the facilities will be used for recreational activities, camping and other outdoor sports. On the other hand, the private commercial establishments will provide housing and the more permanent type of facilities.

It is, therefore, suggested the plan include the following with respect to commercial activities on government owned property at other than the public park areas:

1. Private commercial enterprises will be granted leases or licenses to construct and operate recreational facilities, such as boat docks, boat and motor rentals, bait fishing supplies and equipment and other similar facilities and services on government owned or controlled lands in compliance with standard specifications and regulations.

2. Where such requests are made, licenses or leases for the above purposes shall be granted to construct the facilities in proximity to privately owned and operated facilities on non-government land.

3. Such licenses and leases shall not be restricted in number and shall be granted so as not to create any monopoly or prevent competition and so as not to give any unfair advantage to one operator over another.

#### CONCLUSION

By incorporating the above recommendations into the Master Plan, it is felt a well rounded program will thus be formulated, providing for the development of the Whitney Reservoir as a recreational area by the use of both public and private funds and will result in a greater use of the project by the public at large and will more completely serve the public interest. The local counties will greatly benefit from the increase in tax valuations on account of the private construction, and it is believed that the rentals and revenues that will be received through the government leases, fees and collections will be greatly increased through the dual program.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY CLERK \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY JUDGE

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