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NORTH LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER

PUBLIC ACCESS AND HWY 83 SITE

Recently, a number of you received an email from the Executive Committee of the North Lake Development Group (NLDG) which is shown below:

Subject: NLDG Property Update

Dear Neighbor

We are writing on behalf of the North Lake Development Group (NLDG) to update you on our property at the north end of the lake. First, thank you again for attending the various meetings this past year, including the two NLMD meetings, to hear our story. We also appreciate the vote of our neighbors, twice, directing the North Lake Management District (NLMD) to purchase our property.

Unfortunately, we have been notified by the Commissioners of the NLMD that they have terminated our lease and relinquishing their position and assumed interest in buying the property. We are not privy as to why they have decided to take this step. We assume it is related to the DNR decision to build a carryon launch at the Krause property. Since the votes at the NLMD meetings this summer, the NLDG had instructed our attorney to prepare documents for the execution of the sale, as had been agreed by the NLMD commissioners and approved by the property owners. We are left with both the land and legal bills neither of which were the agreed upon outcome.

As a result of the Commissioner's action, the Partners are left bearing the burden of the property that has benefited all the lake property owners. Over ten years ago, 13 individuals stepped forward with their own funds to provide an alternative site which had the effect of stopping the DNR from building a significantly large public launch. Over \$340,000 was raised by these individuals to purchase the land for the sole benefit of all property owners of North Lake.

Due to this turn of events, the Partners are left with no other option than to sell the property to whichever reputable buyer is interested. The concern of course is that this removes the only viable public launch alternative from future DNR consideration, and the new property owner will have no restrictions on its use.

The Partners of the NLDG appreciate your support. We were hopeful this matter could be brought to its previously authorized conclusion. The termination of the lease will force us to move in another direction.

We suggest and would appreciate you contacting the NLMD commissioners and encourage them to move forward as previously voted and agreed to.

Thank you

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This newsletter is to clarify a number of statements made in that email.

The lease between NLMD and NLDG was entered into approximately eleven (11) years ago in order for NLMD to have an interest in the property so it could file for the necessary permits from the DNR for public access development at the Hwy 83 site. Those permits (three) have expired and cannot be extended again. They were extended once and that is all that is allowed.

Over the period the lease was in effect, the NLMD paid all of the expenses, required by the lease, (Real Estate Taxes, Insurance and Maintenance) and paid rent.

It does not make any sense for NLMD to continue to pay these costs when the purpose for incurring them no longer exists.

At no time did NLMD relinquish its position and interest in buying the property.

In October, NLMD sent a newsletter describing the development of the DNR Reddelien Road site for a Carryon Public Access Site and stated that due to this development there would be a special meeting in December, 2020, subject to the status of the virus, to vote on the following:

1. Support for DNR plans for Public Access at Reddelien Road on North Lake, as described above.
2. Confirmation of purchase of Highway 83 site from North Lake Development Group due to recent developments and changed conditions.
3. Amend the NLMD Fiscal 2021 Budget to increase the amount for the Lake Study, and modify the budget for the purchase of Highway 83 site as decided by eligible electors at the special meeting.

In December, NLMD sent a newsletter stating "Due to the status of the virus, it is not safe to hold a large meeting. NLMD will defer the special meeting until conditions allow."

The commissioners of the NLMD continue to support the purchase of the Hwy 83 site.

If the DNR would develop the Reddelien Road Site, to a full access site, they would need to do "an alternative analysis of other available sites on North Lake". This means an evaluation of other properties on the lake to determine the best site for public access on North Lake. To further develop the Reddelien Road site, the DNR would need to fill a significant amount of wet lands and lake bed. If a fair and equitable analysis was made, the Hwy 83 site would be selected for the public access site. This is the reason the commissioners of NLMD continue to recommend the purchase of the Hwy 83 site.

Commissioners of NLMD