



NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 30, 2014

Dear Lake Erling Lakefront Property Owners,

On August 30 of this year, The AGRED Foundation (AGRED) planted, by plane, 1,000 lbs of Japanese millet on the northern mud flat known as “June’s Hole,” and along some portions of the western shoreline where water was receding and deemed appropriate for seeding. While not all of the seed germinated, we are pleased to share with you that most of the “June’s Hole” area has germinated well, and there is now a fine stand of Japanese millet that is attracting many game birds, particularly waterfowl.

The AGRED Foundation would like to thank the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) biologist, Eric Brinkman, whom we contacted for advice on what was the best seed to plant for this experiment. We realize that doing this will not be something we can do annually, as it not every year that The AGRED Foundation will be drawing down the lake, and on those occasions, when it is deemed necessary to draw down the lake, we will continue trying to attract wildfowl to the best of our ability. These efforts will not be funded by using funds raised from easements and permitting fees.

As this year draws to a close, The AGRED Foundation wishes to draw to your attention that it is you, the landowners, whom are responsible for contacting The AGRED Foundation to get your permitting and easement (where applicable, as there are some who have existing easements) documents signed and paid for if you wish to take advantage of the introductory rate, which will be honored **in perpetuity**, along with the CPI inflation rate for the year. The AGRED Foundation has mailed out these documents twice this year by regular mail and certified. Should you wish to contact AGRED, our phone number is (318)210-0451, or you can e-mail us at inquiries@agredfoundation.com. We also now have our website up and running, at www.agredfoundation.com.

PLEASE NOTE - The Introductory rate offer will end for those lake front property owners not compliant; future easements and permits will double to the Standard rate starting January 1, 2015 for these lake front property owners.

By popular demand from you, the lakefront property owners on Lake Erling, it is the intention of The AGRED Foundation to introduce the concept of boat stickers (decals), for everyone accessing the lake. We have canvased many of you regarding price for such decals, and prices have ranged from \$25 to \$45, so we have decided to take the middle of the road and go with \$35 per decal. As a token of our appreciation, each lakefront property owner who pays their permitting fee and easement lease fee (where applicable) will be given one decal for a boat. We believe this is only fair to the landowners doing their part to be in compliance with The AGRED Foundation and our landowner policies, and who are making a contribution through the aforementioned fees to assist with the maintenance of the lake.

The AGRED Foundation will be selling these decals at local area convenience stores, sporting goods shops, and marinas. Some of the proceeds (\$5) will be paid to the owners of the convenience stores, restaurants, sporting goods stores and marinas as an incentive to assist The AGRED Foundation in selling these decals to people who do not reside on the lake. The AGRED Foundation is of the opinion that by introducing such a program, we are sharing in the cost of maintaining Lake Erling with those who do not reside on the lake, but whom directly benefit from the many resources Lake Erling has to offer to fisherman and boaters. It must, however, be pointed out that The AGRED Foundation cannot legally raise more funds than are required to maintain Lake Erling annually, as this would affect the immunity granted to privately owned lakes which are open to the public under the Arkansas Recreational Use Statute. Any deficit in funding will be funded directly by the Directors of The AGRED Foundation.

Finally, and most importantly, we realize that some landowners have been offended or feel threatened by the **legal** documents that The AGRED Foundation has issued insofar as permits and easements are concerned. It is not our

intention to annex or remove structures (if compliant with AGRED's land use policies) that are on AGRED property up to the 225' MSL contour line. There are some structures such as pipe jutting out of the water, serving no purpose and that are hazardous to people using the lake, and it is those structures that The AGRED Foundation will remove, hopefully with the assistance of the landowners and community. The AGRED Foundation would like to encourage landowners to build structures that are compliant with The AGRED Foundations land use policies, as this would further increase revenues to the Lake Erling Maintenance account and reduce the overall burden on everyone. There is no adversity in what the AGRED Foundation is doing, we are simply establishing The AGRED Foundation's property lines, while allowing construction of piers, docks, boat houses, boat launches, and sea walls on The AGRED Foundation's property. International Paper allowed the same without adversity.

Once again, should you wish to contact The AGRED Foundation, we are open Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm. Our phone number is (318)210-0451, or you can e-mail us at inquiries@agredfoundation.com. We also now have our website up and running, www.agredfoundation.com.

Thank You,
The AGRED Foundation