



## FACTS

### **International Paper & Arkansas Game and Fish Commission**

FACT: International Paper has been selling their holdings and terminating their employees in Lafayette and Columbia counties since 2000. They are a stockholder owned company. It is very easy to understand why they were no longer willing to maintain Lake Erling.

FACT: AGFC voted **NOT** to sign a letter of intent to take Lake Erling over, after 12 YEARS of discussions. (Jan. meeting 2013)

FACT: AGFC was going to demand a new flowage easement to the 228' MSL that would encompass many of the homes around the lake.

FACT: Your insurance cost would increase drastically if part or your entire home was in a flowage easement.

FACT: Your property value would decrease if 60'-100' of your property was inside a flowage easement. It would decrease even more if part of, or your entire home was in that flowage easement. This would depend on the slope of your property.

FACT: AGFC knew the lake would be a "political football", much like what AGRED is currently going through.

FACT: AGFC knew the lake would be very expensive to maintain.

FACT: After the January 2013 vote by the AGFC not to sign a letter of intent, IP told AGFC they were going to seek other prospective owners for Lake Erling.

### **Other Potential Lake Owner**

FACT: When another potential owner was seeking Lake Erling ownership, they revealed in their handout that in order to make Lake Erling self-sufficient they would need funding through a combination of revenues. The handout read "Potential sale of water, mineral leases, fees and taxes." The problem with this approach is that there are no industries or municipalities seeking surface water from Lake Erling at this time. AGRED representatives to date have not been able to find where International Paper still had any mineral rights, therefore they could not transfer them. A poll showed that a tax would not pass, therefore the only thing left, were fees. This entity would be exactly where AGRED is today; trying to raise money for Lake Erling maintenance.

### **AGRED's Opponents**

FACT: There are people who want your allegiance in their group that don't talk about operation costs of Lake Erling. These costs are real, so do not be deceived. You need real managers to do this work. Not armchair quarterbacks that are not putting their money where their mouth is. The truth is they have no continuous money source.

FACT: Our opponents have said they would try to get grants, etc. Do you want Lake Erlings future to be resting on "IF" someone may or may not get a grant every year? AGRED is not looking for grants; most of them are small and are one-time only grants. They also take years to get. No good business person would place Lake Erling's future on grants.

**FACT:** Bush hogging and weed eating what the farmer can't bale, park maintenance, gravel, riprap, equipment rental, mowing, trash pickup, workman's comp, attorney's, surveyors, fire ant control, Emergency Action Plan kept up to date, water control structure maintenance, taxes, weekly and monthly reports required by Dept. of Natural Resources, clerical, office supplies, office space, water control structure gate replacement in 5-6 years, Dept. of Natural Resources annual permit, Permit cost is \$9,200 annually. Total minimum \$145,000 annually.

**FACT:** The Department of Natural Resources will not renew the dam permit if Lake Erling dam is not maintained in compliance with their regulations.

**FACT:** Anyone who doesn't want to talk about this funding or where it will come from is living in a fairytale world. Unfortunately, too many people in our society have become dependent on handouts and will use whatever excuses to avoid stepping up to the plate. Lake Erling has REAL expenses and The AGRED Foundation is addressing these within its legal bounds. The AGRED Foundation does not do anything without the approval of two separate attorneys.

**FACT:** The AGRED Foundation is accepting resumes for an enforcement officer with State Trooper and/or Deputy Sherriff experience. This person needs to have courtroom experience. Anyone who wishes to apply for this job, please contact The AGRED Foundation.

**FACT: THE AGRED FOUNDATION HAS MADE SOME MISTAKES AND FOR THOSE MADE, WE APOLOGIZE. IN SPITE OF TRYING NOT TO MAKE MISTAKES, AS HUMANS, WE WILL MAKE MORE. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS IS NOT A DRESS REHEARSAL. TWO OF THE AGRED DIRECTORS HAVE TAKEN \$114,000 OUT OF THEIR OWN POCKETS TO INVEST IN LAKE ERLINGS FUTURE. PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO MAKE LAKE ERLING FINANCIALLY SELF-SUFFICIENT.**