

this recommendation and state in their view this should be an item of local cooperation.

Mr. JOHNSON. The reservoir will be operated and maintained by the local participants. The Corps of Engineers has no connection with the actual lake itself.

Colonel HALL. That is right. It is already an existing thing. Local interests will operate and control the gate and control structures that maintain the water level in Lake Chicot.

The recreational areas are shown dotting around the lake. One of the requirements of local cooperation is that these be administered and maintained by the local interests and assure that these facilities are open to all on equal terms.

Mr. JOHNSON. I would say in line with that, the Corps of Engineers, you will not charge admission fees?

Colonel HALL. Not located in the recreational areas, but maybe around the lake would be boat launching ramps. These could be placed in there by a private concessionaire and fees charged for their use.

Mr. JOHNSON. That would be under contract with the local drainage district?

Colonel HALL. That would be the business of local interest, sir.

General NOBLE. This is not a Federal body of water.

Mr. JOHNSON. They operate and maintain reservoirs.

Any further questions?

I want to thank you, Mr. Pryor, for coming here and giving us the benefit of your testimony.

I have a statement here by Mr. Calvin T. Watts, assistant director, State of Louisiana Department of Public Works that I would like to insert in the record at this point.

Is there objection?

Hearing no objection, it is so ordered.

(The prepared statement of Calvin T. Watts, assistant director, State of Louisiana Department of Public Works follows:)

STATEMENT BY CALVIN T. WATTS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

LAKE CHICOT, ARK.

Introduction

My name is Calvin T. Watts. I am the Assistant Director of the Louisiana Department of Public Works. This Department is the planning agency of the State government and is responsible for coordinated development of all water resource projects which affect the State of Louisiana. I therefore submit this statement in support of the Mississippi River Commission plan and the report by the Chief of Engineers for modification of the existing project for flood control and improvement of the Lower Mississippi River adopted by the Flood Control Act of 15 May, 1928, as amended, to provide for the construction of additional improvements in the Boeuf and Tensas Rivers and Bayou Macon Basin to divert flows that would otherwise enter Lake Chicot, Arkansas.

Authority

The report on Lake Chicot, Arkansas, was submitted to Congress by the Secretary of the Army in response to the request by a resolution of the Committee on Public Works, House of Representatives, adopted 19 June, 1963.

Discussion

The proposed project as recommended by the District Engineer, Vicksburg District, Corps of Engineers, and later approved by the Mississippi River Commission and Chief of Engineers, includes a pumping plant with a gravity drain-