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Hello Joe, Brandi and Caleb,

I am sure you received the "Notice of Violation" from the State of Mississippi last week regarding the delinquent Owner's Inspection report, along with their request for an updated Emergency Action Plan. I thought maybe I would hear from you guys to discuss this... but I guess not hence my reaching out to you.

I bought the East side open space in 2012 to protect the property from the continued & constant abuse by ATV's and dirt bikes not to mention preventing an outside party, that was not affiliated with our community, from purchasing it from the state. That is also when I gave you guys all of the paperwork to inquire about buying the West side open space. This was after 6 years and 4 failed attempts by various residents to form some sort of association to get this community to come together to do what is right for their neighborhood, the "community lake" and the "community open spaces".

When the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality contacted me to let me know it was actually an unpermitted dam classified as High Hazard, I was shocked. Mind you I only own 4/5ths of the down slope - that is it - that is all I own. You own the 12 acre lake, the front of the levee and the top of the levee and you can choose how to manage it and who accesses it.

Yet I solely bore the financial burden to bring the entire levee up to regulatory compliance after years of neglect and massive abuse, which cost nearly \$6,000, along with spending the time to create the Emergency Action Plan and even more money to travel to Jackson on several occasions, the National Weather Service in Memphis multiple times and various agencies in Tate County to get the Emergency Action Plan reviewed, approved and then finally the 25 copies distributed.

For the next 7 years, I was the only one that paid to maintain the entire front, top and back of the levee. I also, every year, completed the required Owner's Inspection report to keep us all in compliance.

So when MDEQ mandated an inspection by a Professional Engineer and we all met at Caleb's house, I thought for sure that would be the catalyst to finally get things organized. Members of your Yesterday's South Lake Corp should be expected to contribute and participate. Currently your membership consists of 20 individuals, although several do not live here anymore (and even lists a man who is dead). New residents should also be given the opportunity to buy in. There should also be some basic rules and a mandated fee structure so that

when another inspection is due, the taxes need to be paid or maintenance is needed we would be financially set to pay for it.

It's cool that you guys came together to pay for the inspection, because after the meeting I had a few conversations with folks and that is when I decided I was done. I was accused of not paying my "fair share" in a conversation with one my neighbors. Really? I constantly see people boating and fishing on the lake that have not paid a dime. They have no investment in the taxes, the inspections or the maintenance. I have a boat of teenage girls that come and hide in the inlet of the creek behind my house that is 15 feet from my back porch doing God knows what. I see people fishing from the open space that should not be there. There are now vehicles on top of the levee that technically do not have the 'legal right' to be there. No vehicles should be on the levee due to it's high hazard classification per the MDEQ. I won't even go into the liability you guys have with the lake if someone should happen to drown in it.

Shortly after that I had a conversation with a new resident and they relayed to me numerous times during our talk that "a lot of people here really hate you." For what? Finally deciding it was time other people in the community step up? If folks are going to hate me for doing what no one in this 49 house subdivision could come together to do in 14 years for the good of the whole community, then so be it.

I did not walk the levee with the inspector, but someone came on my portion of the back of the levee and cut down some of the trees. I thought that was awesome that someone was willing to help get that area into compliance since my efforts the previous year fell short. I was able to get a lot of them removed, just not all of them, before I ran out of money. Instead they just left all of the trees laying there so now I can't even bush hog that whole section nor do I have the equipment to move them.

Also, I do not even think the Professional Engineer finished the inspection. Has anybody even followed up with him?

I get that this sucks. I get that this is nothing any of us could have imagined when we moved here. I thought this would be a community that would band together to have nice "community open spaces" with picnic tables, have a nicely maintained entrance or get together to petition the county to provide decent roads or street signs. Boy was I wrong... yet here we are.

So, how do we proceed now that we are once again being threatened by the State to have the lake drained? I will be more than willing to continue all of the required legal documentation as my contribution. However at this point why can't we do this together and make sure everyone who uses or accesses the lake has skin in the game? The fact is it is a private lake where dues and conditions of use should be put in place for anyone who wants to have the privilege of enjoying the lake. I would be happy to assist with that if needed.

If you think it's not possible, then I will gladly provide the electronic copy of the Emergency Action Plan to you guys and you can take it, and the required Owner's Inspection requirements, from here since your group is majority owners of this whole gig anyway.

Let me know how/if you want to proceed within the next few days since we have a June 30th deadline. Please feel free to contact me at 662.562.7879 or stop by anytime

Thank you.

Jill