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Dear Mr. Brown:

I want to thank you for and appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and Mr. McCord Monday. Mr. Reese and I both believe the meeting was beneficial to all concerned and hopefully we can work together for the benefit of Lake Talquin and all the Gadsden County residents that enjoy the lake.

As I stated, our only goal is to clean up in and around Lake Talquin and to keep the lake as pollution free as possible.

I would like to recap what we mutually agreed upon in the meeting.

1. The C.W. Roberts Asphalt recycling Plant on State Road 267, that the staff didn't seem to know about and has been non-conforming land use since 1994 and only 300 yards from Ocklawaha Creek, will be shut down and removed from the Ocklawaha Creek area. As we both agreed this petroleum based plant should not be operating in or around Lake Talquin or its tributaries.

You asked that I give you a week to get this worked out, before I went to the DCA and I agreed. I will give you a call on Friday, July 14, to see what progress has been made.

2. Regarding the new Anderson Columbia/Peavy Sand Pit, as I stated the D.E.P. advised me that this is 324.4 acres and is in use, however you said that 19.5 acres has been approved by the County Commission. Since this is private property you said staff had access to, that staff would check it out before the end of the week. In addition this huge conglomerate has been operating the last 3 months without access to State Road 267. A formal complaint will be filed with the D.O.T. There has already been complaints regarding the mud and sand on the roadway.

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3. Melissa said she could not find the minutes regarding the Roberts/Sandstone and the Crowder Sand Pits on Sadberry Road, however she would get with the Clerk of the Court and obtain those for us.

4. We have discussed the Wheeler property on Talquin Avenue for over two years. As Mr. McCord stated, this property is in probate, but as we discussed a Judge's order would allow this to be cleaned up and a lien put against the property owner.

5. The mobile home at Talquin Resort on Lake View Point Road has been turned into Code enforcement many times with over 20 vehicles on the property, to no avail. This activity needs to be corrected A.S.A.P.

Mr. Brown, again we appreciate your time and interest in cleaning up lake Talquin, and look forward to working with you in keeping Lake Talquin pollution free.

Sincerely,



Ed Allen

Friends of Lake Talquin