



George County Board of Supervisors
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Supervisors update Congressional Delegation on Lake George Water Supply Project

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The George County Board of Supervisors made the trip around Capitol Hill to personally meet with lawmakers before Congress departed for its fall break. Supervisors traveled to Washington, D.C. to discuss the Southeast Mississippi Regional Water Supply Project (Lake George) with three congressional delegations.

“It was important for us to visit with our Congressional members before this session ended. We have to keep this water supply project fresh in their minds and keep them informed on developments. All of the meetings went well and we received strong encouragement to keep pushing forward,” George County Supervisor Kelly Wright explained.

Supervisors updated U.S. Senators Thad Cochran and Roger Wicker along with House Representative Steven Palazzo on the Water Supply Project’s long term timeline, pre-permitting process, and possible sources of funding.

To demonstrate regional support for the proposed lake, representatives from the Pat Harrison Waterway District and the Jackson County Board of Supervisors accompanied George County officials to the meetings. This is the latest example of local backing. In the spring, the County received six proclamations of support from surrounding counties.

“Lake George is far beyond a recreational lake. This is about water supply needs for local industries, water treatment facilities, and to minimize the impact of future drought conditions. That’s why our regional support is so important,” Wright said.

Supervisors finished their last meeting Friday afternoon, returned home early Saturday morning, and were back at work Monday for their regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Pictured Above:

L to R: Supervisors Larry Havard (Dist. 4), Kelly Wright (Dist. 2), Larry McDonald (Dist.3), and Fred Croom (Dist.1).