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## Public meeting held on Kickapoo Creek dam:

On Wednesday, July 8, 2020, a public meeting was held at the Community Center in Bronte for residents to receive information and ask questions regarding the Sites 4 and 5 dams. Both dams are in the first stages of engineering work to gather information and form plans for correcting issues with the structures. Ronnie Skala with the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Mark Northcut, civil engineer with the Natural Resources Conservation Services, and Clint Kimball, with the engineering firm AECOM, were

present to ask questions and listen to the concerns of the citizens. The Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District and the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District served as the hosts for the meeting. Another visit is planned for February 2021. The top photo to the right is the sponsor history schedule, which gives project information, a brief history of the dams, and their locations. The bottom image is the breach map and shows what areas would be under floodwaters if these dams should fail.

## Bronte Pool hosts weekly activities

The Bronte Pool has several special event nights each week. Water Aerobics is held on Mondays from 6 pm until 7 pm. Thursday evenings are for adults only from 6 pm until 8 pm. Teen Night, for junior high and high school students, is every Tuesday in July from 7 pm to 9 pm.

## RLISD schedule changes can be made August 4

Robert Lee ISD has recently sent out schedules to students for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. If students are satisfied with their schedules, no action is necessary. However, if students wish to make changes (such as electives offered), this can be done on Tuesday, August 4, during each grades designated time slot:

- 11th/12th grades - 9 am - 10 am
- 9th/10th grades - 10 am - 11 am
- 7th/8th grades - 11 am - 12 pm

If you have any questions, please call the school office at (325) 453-4555, and ask for David O'Dell, Kellye Duncan, Mandi McCown, or Rosa Long.

## Grab-N-Go meals continue through summer break

Robert Lee ISD will continue to serve Grab-N-Go meals curbside throughout the summer break. Pick up days will be Mondays and Wednesdays, unless a holiday falls on one of those days. If that happens, the pick up day will be the next regularly scheduled pick up day. Meals may be picked up on these days from 9 am until 10 am in front

of the high school entrance. All children though the age of 18 may receive a meal.

Water Aerobics will be held each Monday from 6 pm to 7 pm.

## Library hosts Summer Reading Challenge

The Coke County Library in Robert Lee is hosting a Summer Reading Challenge. Local kids can stop by the library to pick up their reading log and books to read. Participating kids can earn a free kid's day pass to the pool. Library hours are as follows: Monday, closed; Tuesday, 8 am - 12 noon; Wednesday, 8 am - 4 pm; Thursday, 1 pm - 5 pm; and Friday, 8 am - 12 noon.

## ASU to host online code camp

Angelo State University will be hosting an online summer code camp. It will be held Monday through Friday, July 20 through July 31, from 10 am until 12 pm. This online interactive program is for junior high and high school students interested in computer programming, coding, and creating animations using JavaScript.

Instructors from ASU's Computer Science department will be available each day via online video conference to assist participants with questions and help them troubleshoot as they learn to solve problems and program independently. There are no course fees and course materials will be available online. The only technology required is a personal computer or laptop and internet access.

For more information and to register, visit [https://www.angelo.edu/dept/computer\\_science/code-camp.php](https://www.angelo.edu/dept/computer_science/code-camp.php).

## Public Scoping Meeting

### Kickapoo Creek Watershed, Sites 4 & 5 Supplemental Watershed Plan / EA

#### Local Project Sponsors:

- Coke County Kickapoo WCID #1
- Coke County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD)

#### Steering Committee Representatives:

- City of Bronte
- Coke County

#### Technical & Contracting Support:

- Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
- USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service



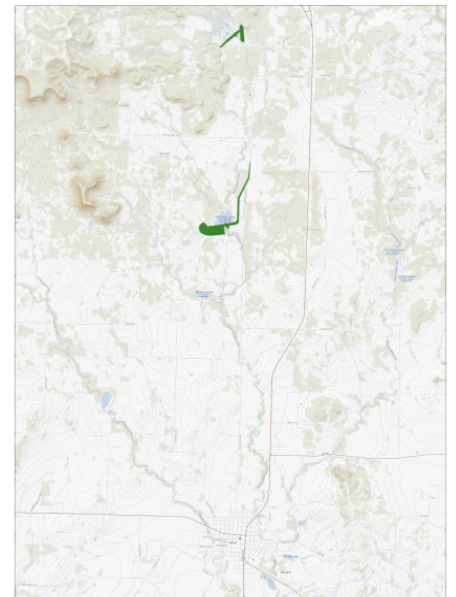
#### Technical Contractors:

- AECOM
- M&E Consultants



#### Project Schedule

June, 2020	Sponsor Kickoff Meeting
July, 2020	Public Meeting #1
August, 2020	Sediment Survey
September, 2020	Environmental & Cultural Resources Investigations
October, 2020	Develop Alternative Plans
Fall/Winter, 2020	Evaluate / Compare Plans
January, 2021	Select Final Plan
February, 2021	Public Meeting #2
Spring, 2021	Develop Draft Plan / EA
May/June, 2021	Public Meeting #3
Summer, 2021	NRCS Reviews
Fall, 2021	Final Approval of Plan
Fall, 2022	Earliest Construction Start



#### Site History:

- 1953 – Major Flood Aug 19, near Bronte (appx 50-yr event)
- 1960 – Watershed Work Plan published for 6 new dams
- 1962 – Sites 4 & 5 constructed
- 2012 – Cracking first observed at Site 4 during TCEQ inspection
- 2016 – Dam Assessments completed - upgrades recommended
- 2020 – AECOM hired to develop supplemental watershed plan



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