

# Saline Lake Game and Fish Preserve Commission

P. O. Box 847, Winnfield, LA 71483

Meeting Date: February 24, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Couley Methodist Church, 14245 Highway 84W, Winnfield, LA 71483

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## Agenda:

Call to Order – W. Smith

Officers Present: Wayne Smith, Joe Kelley

Members Present: James Atherton, Pat Todd

LA Fish and Wildlife Present: Villis Dowden, Kane Binder, and Westley Mattox

Guests Present: None

Invocation and Pledge – J Kelley, W. Smith

Motion To Adopt Agenda: Motion: JKelley, Second J Atherton, Passed

Moton to Adopt previous Meeting Minutes: P Todd, Second J Atherton, Motion Passed

## Action of Commission / Police Jury:

- o Mulligan Inn parking lot road repair requested from the WWPJ on 6/15/21 and 9/27/21. Repaired 10/1/21.
- o Chee Chee Dam ramp, requested WPPJ to place rock at the end of ramp during drawdown. Completed.

## Introductions / Resignations / Appointments

- o President Bill Butler elected at October 2021; meeting resigned. VP, W. Smith to assumed the president's duties until new election of officers in October 2022.
- o **Unanimous resolution by Commission** for VP W. Smith be added to bank signature list. Motion J Atherton, Second J Kelley, Motion passes
- o Need one new member for Winn Parish, Wayne Smith will ask potential member and report back at the 10/22 meeting.

## Commissioner Reports –

**Financials update** – J. Kelley

**LAWLF Interface - Spraying / Drawdowns / Tree Cutting** – J. Atherton

**Report from:** WLF State Wide Lake Rules & Regulations – List of requested regulations given to V. Dowden on 8/18/19 for WLF discussion on State wide approval changing from “waterbody” passive gear regulations to “statewide” passive gear regulations. State meetings in 2021 resulted in marked up regulations presented by V. Dowden on 10/7/21.

**Report on: Short Term Spraying**

Salvinia Evaluation / Problem Areas:

- Report of lake Salvinia condition North of boom
- Report of lake Salvinia condition South of boom

☐ Drawdown – Lake at pool stage in February 24, 2022.

**New Cypress Tree Growth – Areas of concern:**

- New cypress growth on flat across from Cedar Bluff will need spraying. Will be carried out later in spring as pool stage is appropriate and temperature is correct.
- Oak 1 to Oak 2. Some trees above water at pool stage.

Buck Brush Growth – Areas of concern:

- Main Little Lake area that was not sprayed in 2021 will need spraying in 2022. Will be done as temperature is correct.

Long Range Tree Cutting

- 2 Bros Resources, Proposal submitted and is too expensive but negotiation with J Atherton continues.

**LADOTD Dam Inspection / Level Gauge– J. Atherton**

Level Gauge – Has been requested and continues in negotiation

**SWEPCO**

Light at boat ramp at dam to be repaired by SWEPCO. Timing to be established.

**Corp of Engineers Vicksburg**

2021 drawdown resulted in 2 problematic area of work in the lake bottom.

- Canal Lane problem is being handled by the Corp of Engineers Enforcement Division.
- McCartney Camp Road problem being handled by the Corp of Engineers Permit Division.

**Duck Blind Permitting Process**

Incident during 2021-22 Season, we discovered we still have rules and regulations and not laws, we have no legal enforcement authority. This item was discussed and W Smith will compose a proposal for discussion at the next meeting.

**LDWF**

No change to the aquatic vegetation management plan  
No Other comments

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion and second. Passed