

**Saline Lake Game and Fish Preserve Commission
P. O. Box 847, Winnfield, LA 71483**

Meeting Date: July 27, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Saline Lake Fire Station, Collins Camp Road, Winnfield, LA 71483

MINUTES

Call to Order – W. Smith

Invocation and Pledge – Joe Kelley / Wayne Smith

Adopt / Amend Agenda – Motion and second to adopt the agenda, Passed

Adopt previous Meeting Minutes – Motion and second, passed

Introduction of Police Jury Members Present: None present

Introduction of Wildlife and Fisheries Representatives – W. Smith

Commissioner Reports –

- **FINANCIALS – Approximate Bank balance – \$14,640.57, CD -- \$11,611.00
J. Kelley**
- **LAWLF Interface – J. Atherton (see attached)**
- **LADOTD Dam Inspection / Level Gauge – J. Atherton (see attached)**
- **Corp of Engineers Vicksburg – J. Atherton (see attached)**
- **Duck Blind Permitting – W. Smith, see attached.**

**Commissioner's Report (Atherton) - WLF Interface - Spraying / Drawdowns
/ Tree Cutting**

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- **LAWLF Interface:**
 - Short Term Spraying
 - Salvinia Evaluation / Problem Areas:
 - Report of lake Salvinia condition North of boom
 - Report of lake Salvinia condition South of boom
 - New Cypress Tree Growth – WLF to notify Commission of any areas of concern.
 - Buck Brush Growth – Status of areas of concern – pictures send to WLF – Commission would like spraying in April, June, and again in September for any missed areas:
 - Little Lake – still needs some spraying
 - Oak 1 to Oak 2
 - Oak 1 to Oak 2– In shallow water North of channel from Oak 2 to the cut thru at cedar bluff.
 - Shady Acres
 - Cooley Creek at T. Traywick
 - South side of bay from old dam to west bank
 - Benjamin Point West to camps
 - Mulligan Inn ramp - South
 - Long Range Tree Cutting

- Bo Pepper – 8/18/22 Area surveyed between Mulligan Inn to Coupe Point with WLF. WLF to update bid status.
- **LADOTD Dam Inspection / Level Gauge– J. Atherton**
 - DOTD to send annual dam inspection report in August, 2023.
 - DOTD re-connect center buoys.
 - Gauge for dam – to be installed by United States Geological Survey (USGS) via LA Watershed Initiative in 2024
 - Need SWEPCO 240V power to dam
 - Meeting with SWEPCO 2/23/23 – Point of Service Work Order signed by Saline Lake Commission on 4/25/23 – SWEPCO agreed to install 2 poles, transformer, and pedestal box within 40 feet of dam walkway.
 - Meeting 4/27/23 not held – Winn Parish Police Jury issued Building Permit for electrical to Saline Lake Commission on 4/25/23 – sent to SWEPCO.
 - DOTD
 - SWEPCO Right of Way permission package signed by DOTD for electrical installation on 5/16/2023 under permit number 08023089.
 - SWEPCO delayed installation on 7/13/23 to the week of 7/24/23.
 - USGS
 - Power at dam would speed up gauge installation
 - Gauge is to be no cost to Saline Commission
 - Gauge installation is to be no cost to Saline Commission
 - Gauge maintenance by USGS is to be no cost to Saline Commission
 - Gauge electrical from SWEPCO to gauge on dam face by USGS is to be no cost to Saline Commission
 - Might be a question of who would own and pay for the electrical meter and monthly SWEPCO power bill
- **Corp of Engineers Vicksburg**
 - No Corp of Engineering requests for 2023 known by Commission.

Commissioner's Report (W. Smith) - 7/27/23

- Duck Blind Permitting
 - 2023-24 Permits available 8/1/23 – 10-31-23.
 - Rules – no changes since last update
 - Copy of rules with every permit.

Adjournment