***Saline Lake Game and Fish Preserve***

***Commission***

***P.O. Box 847, Winnfield, La. 71483***

***Meeting Minutes***



***Meeting Date: April 11, 2019***

***Meeting Location: Winn Parish Courthouse***

***Members Present: J. Atherton, B. Butler, B. Carter, W. Smith***

***Members Absent: B. Swords, B. Dupree, T. Brewton***

***Called to order at: 6:30 pm by: J. Atherton***

***Invocation by: J. Atherton***

***Pledge by: W. Smith***



***Agenda/Minutes:***

***Adopt/Amend Agenda***

***Motion: B. Butler Second: W. Smith Vote: Unanimous***

***Adopt last meeting minutes***

***Motion: W. Smith Second: B. Carter Vote: Unanimous***

***New / Old Business:***

1. ***Sign-in Sheet for Meeting Guests***
2. ***Contact List for Volunteers/Guests that would like to have E-mail updates***

***3. Discussion of Commissioners’ Responsibilities for 2019***

1. ***Duck Blinds – W. Smith***

***b. Long Range Tree Cutting - J. Atherton***

***c. Short Term Spraying / Drawdowns – B. Carter***

***d. Secretary / Treasurer – B. Butler***

***4. Introduction of Guests:***

1. ***Elected Officials: J. McAlester***
2. ***LA. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries: V. Dowden.***

***5. Financial Report (current)***

* 1. ***Checking Account Balance $8,841.03***
  2. ***CD Account Balance $11,488.60***
  3. ***Duck Blind revenue $2,200.00***

1. ***Duck Blind Permits*** 
   1. ***2019-2020 Season permits will be available August 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019.***
   2. ***Permits will be $25.00.***

***7 LADOTD Chee Chee Dam Inspection***

* + 1. ***Bridge maintenance crew to schedule the repair on spalling around handrail posts.***
    2. ***Remove unwanted vegetation near spillway on Natchitoches side.***
    3. ***Replace underdrain caps that are broken.***
    4. ***B. Sticker waiting on State’s Brontosaurus machine to clear brush before end of year. Willing machine is available.***

***8 Lake Rules and Regulations***

1. ***J. Atherton meeting with other Lake Commissions to get consensus and draft a standardized set of rules for various lakes that can be enforced from lake to lake.***
2. ***Rules and regulations are still in the process of getting passed.***
3. ***Working with the State on new rules.***
4. ***Still in the planning stage.***
5. ***LA. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Stocking Program***
6. ***Villis Dowden requested in January to have 70,000 Florida Bass to be restocked in Saline Lake April - June. ( Fingerling 2” to 3” long )***
7. ***Saline Lake is a priority 2 on the list with the State.***
8. ***May receive some in April or May.***

1. ***Short Term Spraying***
2. ***Treatment acreage 2019 is 4,000 acres as of 4/11/19. (salvinia, hyacinth and Cuban bulrush)***
3. ***WLF & contractors will continue to spray till the lake gets to low. Due to the draw down.***

1. ***Boom installation Mulligan Inn boat Ramp***
2. ***A boom was placed from the east bank to the west bank at the pipeline by Mulligan Inn.***
3. ***There are currently 3 entries and exits. These entries and exits will likely be decreased to 2 or 1 to minimize salvinia in the open areas.***
4. ***Boom is still in place and will be monitored as the lake water level is lowered.***

1. ***Drawdown*** 
   1. ***The drawdown will start June 1, 2019 – October 1, 2019.***
2. ***Tree Removal*** 
   1. ***J. Atherton continues to work with the state and land owners about the tree removal.***
3. ***Public/Commission Comments or Questions : none***

***Adjourn: 7:25 pm***

***Motion: B. Butler Second: B. carter Vote: Unanimous***

***Bill Butler***

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***Jimmy Atherton – President Bill Butler – Secretary/Treasurer***