

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

Meeting Date: July 14, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM

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

Meeting Minutes

- **Call to Order – W. Smith**
- **Members Present – W. Smith, G. Jones, J. Atherton, G. Brock, P. Todd, N. Vercher**
- **Members Absent – J. Kelley**
- **Invocation and Pledge – G. Jones, W. Smith**
- **Adopt / Amend Agenda – Motion by: P. Todd, Second by: G. Brock, (unanimous)**
- **Adopt previous Meeting Minutes – Motion by: G. Brock Second by: G. Jones, (unanimous)**
- **Police Jury Members Present – None present**
- **Wildlife and Fisheries Representatives – V. Dowden, C. Finkbinder, W. Maddox**
- **Commissioner Reports –**
 - o **Financials – W. Smith (per J. Kelley) Checking:\$13,109.18
Savings: \$11,593.79**
 - o **LAWLF Interface - Spraying / Drawdowns / Tree Cutting – J. Atherton**
 - **WLF State Wide Lake Rules & Regulations : NOI issued, should know by next meeting if Rules have been approved and if so, will probably be under Title 76.**
 - **Short Term Spraying: 1 contract spraying since last meeting, and some spraying on buck brush in Little Lake, need more and to include Coulee Drainage area as well..**
 - **Salvinia Evaluation / Problem Areas: New Cypress tree growth is a problem in numerous spots on the lake. No plan to spray the new growth until water starts coming up. Coulee Flat and north of Cedar Bluff are two areas of concern. Salvinia south of pipeline is manageable at drawdown level, up the lake is still a problem as access is limited.**
 - **Drawdown – reached maximum drawdown level very quickly and has maintained that low level due to drought conditions**
 - **Pipeline Boom was released by unknown party, LDWF reattached. They will add new plastic corrugated section at channel for boats to slide over.**

- Long Range Tree Cutting
 - 2 Bros Resources – No new communication or response
- o **LADOTD Dam Inspection / Level Gauge– J. Atherton**
 - Cable at Chee Chee Dam was reattached on 5/31/22
- o **Corp of Engineers Vicksburg – J. Atherton**
 - · Nationwide permit from Corp to expire May of 2023. J. Atherton to work on getting a new permit established before that time.
- **Duck Blind Permitting Process – W. Smith**
 - Incident during 2021-22 Season, it was discovered we still have rules and regulations and not laws, we have no legal enforcement authority.
 - Recommendations, discussion, adoption of new permitting rules was discussed and approved by Commission. Motion by: G. Jones Second by: G. Brock, Unanimous
 - Permitting runs from – Aug 1 – Oct 30.
- **LDWF**
 - Aquatic vegetation management plan/updates: unsure of contract availability for short term.
 - Drawdown updates:
- **Public Comments**
 - Lake resident Jerry McCoy brought pictures of the problem cypress tree growth in Coulee drainage.
- **Adjournment**
 - Motion by: G. Brock second by: P. Todd (unanimous)