

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

Meeting Date: October 6, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM

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

Agenda:

Call to Order – W. Smith

Invocation and Pledge – J. Kelley, Wayne Smith

Adopt / Amend Agenda – Motion Joe K, second Jimmy A., Passed

Adopt previous Meeting Minutes – motion Jimmy A, second Todd, Passed

Introduction of Police Jury Members Present – None

Introduction of Wildlife and Fisheries Representatives present: Villis Dowden and Wess Maddox

Commissioner Members –

- o Election of Officers for 2023... Wayne Smith will continue as president, Adison will serve as vice president, Joe Kelley will continue as Secretary / Treasurer
- o Current Commissioner appointments full. 4 –Winn, 3- Natchitoches
- o Adopt Meeting date/time for 2023, proposed Feb 23, Apr 27, July 27, Oct 26 (all at 4pm Coulee Church) Motion for above by Todd, second by Gregg... motion passed

Commissioner Reports –

- o **Financials** – Joe Kelley Checking \$14,112.85 and CD \$11,594.77

- o **LAWLF Interface - Spraying / Drawdowns / Tree Cutting report by J.**

Atherton:

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

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- **LAWLF Interface:**

- o WLF State Wide Lake Rules & Regulations – Per WLF Robby Maxwell – Inland Fisheries Technical Advisor sent Notice of Intent draft for review. Draft passive gear bill concerning use of metal to mark stumps was not supported by unknown representative. J. McFarland asked for explanation.
- o Drawdown 2022– Gates opened 5/31/22. Closed 10/3/22 at 7.5 feet below pool.
- o Drawdown 2023– Discussion on no drawdown in 2023.
- o Short Term Spraying
 - Salvinia Evaluation / Problem Areas:
 - PVC boat access at pipeline boom center needs replacing.
 - Report of lake Salvinia condition North of boom

- Report of lake Salvinia condition South of boom
 - Salvinia spraying needed:
 - Dam
 - Pipeline
 - New Cypress Tree Growth – Areas of concern:
 - New cypress growth on flat across from Cedar Bluff.
 - Oak 1 to Oak 2 in open water
 - Buck Brush Growth – Areas of concern:
 - Main Little Lake area
 - Oak 1 to Oak 2 – to be reviewed after drawdown
 - Oak 1 to Oak 2 – In shallow water North of channel from Oak 2 to the cut thru at cedar bluff.
 - Shady Acres – to be reviewed after drawdown
 - Cooley Creek at T. Traywick
 - Long Range Tree Cutting
 - 2 Bros Resources – no movement on project.
 - Bo Pepper – 8/18/22 Area surveyed between Mulligan Inn to Coupe Point with WLF. No bid to date.
- **LADOTD Dam Inspection / Level Gauge– J. Atherton**
 - Dam Inspection Report 7/13/23 – New inspection report available to Commissioners contained same items from previous reports. DOTA tried to check that the center buoys are connected but couldn't due to Salvinia.
- **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 inspected August, 2022. Permit will be required. McCartney Camp Road problem inspected by Enforcement – Enforcement recommendation to the Corp of Engineers Permit Division is that dirt piled in the lake exceeded the allowable 25CY by 100CY and will have to be removed.
 - Two requests for 2022 permits have not been issued to date by CoE.

Duck Blind Permitting Process – W. Smith

New rules approved for 2023 and being sent out with each permit.

Permitting – Aug 1 – Oct 30.

One deposit made of \$1,300. About 70% of permits out.

LDWF

Aquatic vegetation management:

Spraying continues and lake appears to be helping as sections of the lake appear to be in pretty good shape

Drawdown: discussion as to when to draw down next year, that decision will be discussed again in the February 2023 meeting.

□ Pipeline Boom: the boom is in poor shape and needs to be replaced.

Discussion as to what kind of boom needs to be used and decision to use Corrugated type.

Public Comments: No public comment

Adjournment: Motion by Jimmy A. and second by Gregg, passed