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

 ***Commission***

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

 ***Meeting Minutes***

***Meeting Date: February 7, 2019***

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Agenda/Minutes:***

***Adopt/Amend Agenda***

 ***Motion: T. Brewton Second: W. Smith Vote: Unanimous***

***Adopt meeting minutes for 10/11/18 and 2/7/19.***

 ***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. ***Election of Officers for 2019***
	1. ***President – J. Atherton***
	2. ***Vice President - W. Smith***
	3. ***Secretary / Treasurer – B. Butler***

***Motion: B. Carter Second: T. Brewton Vote: Unanimous***

1. ***Discussion of Commission members’ expiration in 2019 – J. Atherton***
	1. ***Discussed end of members’ term.***
	2. ***Discussed new members’ for commission.***

***Motion: T. Brewton Second: W. Smith Vote: Unanimous***

 ***5. 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***

***6. Introduction of Guests:***

1. ***Elected Officials: None***
2. ***LA. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries: V. Dowden, Maddox, W. Finkbener.***

***7. Financial Report (current)***

* 1. ***Checking Account Balance $8,926.16***
	2. ***CD Account Balance $11,469.12***
	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.***
2. ***LADOTD Chee Chee Dam Inspection***
	* 1. ***Repair 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.***
3. ***Lake Rules and Regulations***
4. ***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.***
5. ***Rules and regulations are still in the process of getting passed.***
6. ***Working with the State on new rules.***
7. ***LA. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Stocking Program***
8. ***Villis Dowden requested in January to have 70,000 Florida Bass to be restocked in Saline Lake April - June. ( Fingerling 2” to 3” long )***
9. ***Saline Lake is a priority 2 on the list with the State.***

1. ***Short Term Spraying***
2. ***Penoxsulam was used on the salvinia treatment in August 2018.***
3. ***Total amount used was 165.6 gallons with 1,319.6 surface acres treated.***
4. ***30% - 40% kill in treatment areas.***
5. ***Treatment acreage 2018 was 3,396 acres. ( salvinia, hyacinth and Cuban bulrush )***
6. ***Boom installation Mulligan Inn boat Ramp***
7. ***A boom was placed from the east bank to the west bank at the pipeline by Mulligan Inn.***
8. ***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.***

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. Applied for Corp of Engineers permit for pulling trees.***
3. ***Public/Commission Comments or Questions : none***

***Adjourn: 8:00 pm***

 ***Motion: T. Brewton Second: B. carter Vote: Unanimous***

 ***Bill Butler***

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