

Lake Fausse Point, Lake Dauterive, and Grand Avoille Cove  
Advisory Board  
August 29, 2016

The Lake Fausse Point, Lake Dauterive, and Grand Avoille Cove Advisory Board held a Business Meeting on August 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chitimacha Community Center. Members present were Kimberly Walden,, David LeBourgeois, Michael McGowen, David Lapeyrouse, Craig Matthews, Julius Hebert, Leslie Proctor, Clarence Vappie, Rep. Sam Jones, and Rep. Mike Huval. Ex-officio members present were Jody David. David Hanagriff, and Larry Richard. Guests present were Lucien Cutrera,, O'Niel Malbrough and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schoffler.

Rep. Sam Jones called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m. Rep. Jones began the meeting with discussion of the current membership. He suggested contacting City of Jeanerette asking that they send a representative since no one has participated since Mr. Arthur Verret passed away. He also mentioned checking the legislation to see which districts of St. Mary Parish were covered and possibly adding one if this has not already been handled.

Rep. Jones asked Lucien Cutrera to give those present a brief history of the issues with Lake Fausee Point. Mr. Cutrera did so and pointed out that the Corps of Engineers has said that this problem is a local issue. He further stated that first we studies where the silt is coming from. Second, was a study of the magnitude of the sediment. Now, we must consider beneficial use of the sediment that needs to be removed.

Rep. Sam Jones and Kimberly Walden, introduced guest speaker Tiffany Warner, Environmental Scientist with the Nonpoint Source Section of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, to discuss what LADEQ has found in the lake during their recent study. Ms. Warner explained that they help restore impaired water bodies and classifies them into hydrologic unit codes. For Fausse Point they are using HUC 12. They have studied flow into the HUC. They sampled 17 sites, twice per month trying to find all potential inputs and outputs. They monitor turbidity and nutrients (like Phosphorus) as well as dissolved nitrogen

and salinity. They target the highest turbidity areas. They used numbers from January to July and averaged the numbers.

They have had a partners meeting and discussed a plan for Phase II of the study, which will begin once the EPA approves the new sampling plan. This should coincide with their new budget that starts October 1. They have identified the top 4 sites for Phosphorus. They plan to send teams in to investigate these areas. The objective is to stop the intrusion.

Mike McGowen and Leslie Proctor discussed siltation issues in T-Bayou and Teche Lake Canal. Mr. McGowen stated that soil samples had identified nitrogen from fertilizers which are being dumped into the lake.

Rep. Jones asked that Rep. Mike Huval report on the recent flooding in St. Martin Parish.

Rep. Jones then called on guest Mr. ? who stated that in Lafayette the Vermilion River was the highest at 19' 6". He stated that when it overtops and gets overwhelmed it spills into Spanish Lake and then into the Teche. He stated that this watershed starts in Shreveport and went on to discuss the canal at Cortabra. He feels that there is a need to restore the historical drainage.

They have asked for a meeting with the Corps of Engineers to be held Tuesday at 10:00 am.

Iberia Parish President Larry Richard stated that they have met with the Lt. Governor and with the Colonel from the Corps of Engineers to recommend a regional approach to this problem.

St. Mary Parish Councilman stated that one possible solution would be to as the Teche Vermilion pumping station to reverse the flow. He also stated, regarding siltation issues, that the jaws are silted in and that maybe the Port (of West St. Mary) Commission could write a letter.

Rep. Jones stated that Congress appropriates the funds. Projects to will be competing with the Comite and Amite project that has been on the books for a long time. The Governor wants Garret Graves to write the bill to request funding.

We need some clear plan, maybe a comprehensive master plan for the Amite Comite and Teche Vermillion watersheds. He would like the committee to have an ask and suggest that we meet again soon.

Kimberly Walden reported on her activities with the RESTORE Council and her proposal to partner with the Corps of Engineers and USDA NRCS to both stop sediment from coming into the lake and to dredge the existing sediment through RESTORE which would be the next RESTORE project put forward for funding consideration. Lu Cutrera volunteered to write the plan in the necessary format required for submittal. Rep. Jones entertained a motion to allow Ms. Walden to move forward to put this proposal together for RESTORE. Mr. McGowen made the motion; Mr. Proctor seconded. All members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Rep. Jones named a nominating committee consisting of Mike McGowen, Leslie Proctor and Clarence Vappie to nominate a person for Vice-Chairman and Secretary.

The next meeting was set for September 26<sup>th</sup>. The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

**September 26, 2016**

**LAKE FAUSSE POINTE, DAUTERIVE LAKE, GRAND AVOILLE COVE  
Committee Meeting of 082916**

**RE: Louisiana's Great Flood of 2016**

Request of Rep. Sam Jones for wording to include in Congressional response to the Louisiana Great Flood of 2016...

A motion from the Lake Fausse Pointe, Dauterive Lake, and Grand Avoille Cove Committee to request that Congress, in its addressing the solutions to the 2016 flooding problems recognized in the aftermath of the Louisiana Great Flood of 2016, include the following two items:

- (1) The installation of a floodgate at the intersection of Bayou Courtableau and the West Atchafalaya Floodway Guide Levee including the dredging of the outfall canal and
- (2) The dredging of Lake Fausse Pointe, Dauterive Lake, and Grand Avoille Cove to historical depths to better serve as a floodwater retention basin and to restore the ecosystem