

WS, GJ, NV, GB JA
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Saline Lake Game and Fish Preserve Commission
P. O. Box 847, Winnfield, LA 71483

Meeting Date: October 26, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Saline Lake Fire Station, Collins Camp Road, Winnfield, LA 71483

Agenda:

- Call to Order – W. Smith
- Invocation and Pledge – G. Jones
- Adopt / Amend Agenda – W. Smith
- Adopt previous Meeting Minutes – W. Smith
- Introduction of Police Jury Members Present – W. Smith
- Introduction of Wildlife and Fisheries Representatives – W. Smith
- Elect Officers for 2024 *GJ - PRES GB - VP NV SEC/TRES*
- Adopt Meeting Dates for 2024
- Commissioner Reports –
 - FINANCIALS – W. Smith
 - LAWLF Interface – J. Atherton (see attached)
 - LADOTD Dam Inspection / Level Gauge – J. Atherton (see attached)
 - Corp of Engineers Vicksburg – J. Atherton (see attached)
 - Duck Blind Permitting – W. Smith
- LDWF Updates
- Public Comments - *BOW SIGNATURE LETTER*
- Adjournment

*NEED NEW
MEMBER LIST*

*H9 - DOWN TO
CONTRACT DEQ*

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

JA10/26/23 Updated

- **LAWLF Interface:**
 - Short Term Spraying – Just since July 27, 2023 meeting:
 - Contract application and State employed crews
 - New 20 day Purchase Order was approved 10/18/23
 - Future applications will be scheduled as needed
 - Total of 45 treatment operations 777 acres:
 - Salvinia Evaluation / Problem Areas
 - 36 operations were conducted
 - Total acres treated - 630 acres
 - West bank of bay been treated but needs more to be done but water levels are prohibiting access
 - Week of 10/16/23 - contractors focused north of the pipeline on boat roads
 - Plan is to assess 10/16/23 treatment the week of 10/30/23
 - New Cypress Tree Growth – Buck Brush Growth
 - 9 targeted woody regeneration (buttonbush, cypress, willow, etc.)
 - Total acres treated - 147 acres
 - Long Range Tree Cutting
 - Bo Pepper – 8/18/22 Area surveyed between Mulligan Inn to Coupe Point with WLF. WLF to update bid status.
- **LADOTD Dam Inspection / Level Gauge– J. Atherton**
 - DOTD annual dam inspection report sent 10/17/23.
 - Gauge for dam – to be installed by United States Geological Survey (USGS) via LA Watershed Initiative in 2024
 - SWEPCO
 - Power to dam completed 7/31/23 (install 2 poles, transformer, and pedestal box within 50 feet of dam walkway).
 - DOTD
 - DOTD approved location of SWEPCO poles on the dam levee on 9/15/23 and after the fact – even though they had already approved the SWEPCO installation permit. If pole is ever in need of replacement, DOTD wants the pole moved from current location 15 feet to the Northeast down the levee.
 - USGS
 - Power at dam would speed up gauge installation
 - Gauge is to be no cost to Saline Commission
 - Gauge installation is to be no cost to Saline Commission
 - Gauge maintenance by USGS is to be no cost to Saline Commission
 - Gauge electrical from SWEPCO to gauge on dam face by USGS is to be no cost to Saline Commission
 - Might be a question of who would own and pay for the electrical meter and monthly SWEPCO power bill
 - USGS is to confirm their intent to install gage per 9/29/23 email.
- **Corp of Engineers Vicksburg**
 - No Corp of Engineering requests for 2023 known by Commission.

Commissioner's Report (W. Smith) – 10/26/23

- Duck Blind Permitting
 - 2023-24 Permits available 8/1/23 – 10-31-23.
 - Rules – no changes since last update
 - Copy of rules with every permit.
 - Deposits so far this year \$1,850 (74 Blinds)
 - Money in for about 10 more, not deposited yet.



Saline Lake Game and Fish Preserve Commission

2024 Meeting Dates

Dates approved October 26, 2023.

February 22, 2024

April 25, 2024

July 25, 2024

October 24, 2024

All meetings held on Thursdays at 4:00 P.M. at the Saline Lake Fire Station, Collins Camp Road, Winnfield, LA 71483.

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October 10, 2023

Jonathan Lachney, P.E.
3205 Horseshoe Drive
Alexandria, LA 71301

Re: Saline Lake Dam
Dam Inspection Report
NID ID No.: LA00026
Winn Parish

Dear Mr. Lachney, P.E.,

The Dam Safety Program of the Public Works and Water Resources Section of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) is responsible for regulating the Louisiana Dam Safety Program (R.S. 38:21-28). As part of the program, LA DOTD has obtained the services of Volkert, Inc. to conduct safety inspections of dams falling within the state regulatory jurisdiction. The inspections are performed in order to minimize potential hazards to downstream life and property in the event of a dam failure.

An inspection of the **Saline Lake Dam** was performed on **07/08/2022**. Please see enclosed **Inspection Report for deficiencies**. Also included is a reference materials sheet relevant to the inspection results and general educational materials related to dam safety. The reference material sheet also includes a link to our Dam Inspection Performance survey, if you would like to provide any comments/feedback. If you have any questions regarding inspection of dams or enclosed report, please contact me by email at randy.denmon@volkert.com, or by phone at (318) 388-1422. You may also reach the DOTD Dam Safety Program via email at DamSafetyInfo@la.gov, or may contact the State Dam Safety Official, Mr. Li Yang, P.E., by email at Li.Yang@la.gov, or phone at (225) 379-3006.

Sincerely,



Randy Denmon, P.E.

- c: Li Yang, P.E., State Dam Safety Official (elec w/o enclosure)
- Tim Harper, P.E., DOTD Dam Safety Program (elec w/ enclosure/ftp)
- Morgan Barranco, P.E., DOTD Dam Safety Program (elec w/ enclosure/ftp)
- Jonathan L. Lachney, P.E., District 08 (DOTD) (elec w/o enclosure)
- Jarmarquis Torrence, P.E., District 08 (DOTD) (elec w/ enclosure/ftp)

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MINUTES

Call to Order – W. Smith

Invocation and Pledge – Joe Kelley / Wayne Smith

Adopt / Amend Agenda – Motion and second to adopt the agenda, Passed

Adopt previous Meeting Minutes – Motion and second, passed

Introduction of Police Jury Members Present: None present

Introduction of Wildlife and Fisheries Representatives – W. Smith

Commissioner Reports –

- **FINANCIALS – Approximate Bank balance – \$14,640.57, CD -- \$11,611.00
J. Kelley**
- **LAWLF Interface – J. Atherton (see attached)**
- **LADOTD Dam Inspection / Level Gauge – J. Atherton (see attached)**
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- **Duck Blind Permitting – W. Smith, see attached.**

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

JA7/27/23

- **LAWLF Interface:**
 - Short Term Spraying
 - Salvinia Evaluation / Problem Areas:
 - Report of lake Salvinia condition North of boom
 - Report of lake Salvinia condition South of boom
 - New Cypress Tree Growth – WLF to notify Commission of any areas of concern.
 - Buck Brush Growth – Status of areas of concern – pictures send to WLF – Commission would like spraying in April, June, and again in September for any missed areas:
 - Little Lake – still needs some spraying
 - Oak 1 to Oak 2
 - Oak 1 to Oak 2– In shallow water North of channel from Oak 2 to the cut thru at cedar bluff.
 - Shady Acres
 - Cooley Creek at T. Traywick
 - South side of bay from old dam to west bank
 - Benjamin Point West to camps
 - Mulligan Inn ramp - South
 - Long Range Tree Cutting

- Bo Pepper – 8/18/22 Area surveyed between Mulligan Inn to Coupe Point with WLF. WLF to update bid status.
- **LADOTD Dam Inspection / Level Gauge– J. Atherton**
 - DOTD to send annual dam inspection report in August, 2023.
 - DOTD re-connect center buoys.
 - Gauge for dam – to be installed by United States Geological Survey (USGS) via LA Watershed Initiative in 2024
 - Need SWEPCO 240V power to dam
 - Meeting with SWEPCO 2/23/23 – Point of Service Work Order signed by Saline Lake Commission on 4/25/23 – SWEPCO agreed to install 2 poles, transformer, and pedestal box within 40 feet of dam walkway.
 - Meeting 4/27/23 not held – Winn Parish Police Jury issued Building Permit for electrical to Saline Lake Commission on 4/25/23 – sent to SWEPCO.
 - DOTD
 - SWEPCO Right of Way permission package signed by DOTD for electrical installation on 5/16/2023 under permit number 08023089.
 - SWEPCO delayed installation on 7/13/23 to the week of 7/24/23.
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Adjournment

WINN PARISH APPOINTMENTS (4):

Wayne Smith – President

Cell Phone: (318) 471-2914
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Expiration 7/19/2024

Nathan Vercher

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Expiration 7/31/2024

Glynn Jones

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Winnfield, LA71483
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Expiration 9/19/2025

Joe Kelley – Secretary / Treasurer

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NATCHITOCHE PARISH APPOINTMENTS (3):

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Natchitoches, LA. 71457
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Jimmy Atherton

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Pat Todd

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Effective: 12/21/20
Expiration 2/23/2024