

Saline Lake Game and Fish Preserve Commission

P. O. Box 847, Winnfield, LA 71483

MEETING MINUTES

BAIT DIST 1

Meeting Date: February, 23, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

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

Agenda:

- Call to Order – Wayne Smith
- Invocation and Pledge – Joe Kelley / Wayne Smith
- Adopt / Amend Agenda – Wayne Smith / Adopted
- Adopt previous Meeting Minutes – Wayne Smith, Second J Kelley...passed
- Introduction of Police Jury Members Present – None present
- Introduction of Wildlife and Fisheries Representatives – W. Smith–

- Commissioner Reports –
 - o Financials – Presented by J. Kelley. CD = 11,601.15 , Checking 14,759.56
 - o LAWLF Interface: J. Atherton
 - 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 never responded. Request for copy of draft sent to R. Maxwell.
 - o Drawdown 2023 – Discussion on no drawdown in 2023.
 - o Short Term Spraying
 - Salvinia Evaluation / Problem Areas:
 - Ø PVC boat access at pipeline boom center needs replacing.
 - Ø Report of lake Salvinia condition North of boom – complaint of access to Stump's boat row.
 - Ø Report of lake Salvinia condition South of boom
 - o Salvinia spraying needed:
 - § Pipeline
 - § Oak1 to Oak 2
 - § Upshaw to Cooley
 - § Bay bar pits
 - § Bay North Bank - Benjamin Point West
 - o New Cypress Tree Growth – Areas of concern:
 - Ø New cypress growth on flat across from Cedar Bluff.

Ø Oak 1 to Oak 2 in open water

o Buck Brush Growth – Areas of concern - to be reviewed after drawdown:

Ø Little Lake

Ø Oak 1 to Oak 2

Ø Oak 1 to Oak 2– In shallow water north of channel from Oak 2 to the cut thru at cedar bluff.

Ø Shady Acres

Ø Cooley Creek at T. Trawick

o 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. WLF to update bid status.

· **LADOTD Dam Inspection / Level Gauge– J. Atherton**

o Dam Inspection Report 7/13/23 – New inspection report available to Commissioners contained same items from previous reports.

DOTD to re-connect center buoys.

o Gauge for dam – if purchased by Saline Commission:

· Gauge - \$7,000 (120V power)

· Installation - < \$1,000

· Air time - \$250 /year

· Need SWEPCO 120V power to dam

Ø Might need meter at transformer pole

Ø Will need undewirground power run to dam – 420 ft

Ø Will need conduit power run on dam – 100 ft

· **Corp of Engineers Vicksburg - J. Atherton**

o Two requests for 2022 permits have not been issued to date by CoE.

· Gardner issued permit No. MVK-2022-514

· M. Leeper permit submittal unknown

· Steve Bullock permit submittal unknownLAWLF Interface -

· **Duck Blind Permitting Process – W. Smith**

· Rules UPDATE

· Meeting with WPPJ President and State Rep, requested.

· Spoke with Rep. Jack McFarland

· **LDWF**

· Aquatic vegetation management plan/updates ... at this time the recommendation is to hold off on draw down to see how the spraying of

the small cypress is working as there will need to be water in certain areas to allow for spraying of the small cypress infestation..

- Drawdown Plans for 2023 UPDATE ... draw down on hold for the present
- Pipeline Boom UPDATE ... the boom is being replaced.

- **Public Comments:** Eleven participants attending. Two commented about need to do something. One, Rich Vines said he had equipment that could harvest small timber and clear it out of the lake. Taken under advisement to see if he develops a proposal.

Motion to thank the Volunteer Fire Dept for the use of their building by Jimmy Atherton and second by Nathan Vercher. Passed Hunan.

- **Adjournment**