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

***Commission***

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

***Meeting Minutes***



***Meeting Date: April 12, 2018***

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

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

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

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

***Invocation by: B. Dupree***

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



***Agenda/Minutes:***

***Adopt/Amend Agenda***

***Motion: W. Smith Second: B. Carter Vote: Unanimous***

***Adopt last meeting minutes***

***Motion: B. Dupree Second: T. Brewton 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. ***Introduction of Guests:***
   1. ***Elected Officials: None***
   2. ***LA. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries: Villis Dowden***
4. ***Financial Report (current)***
   1. ***Checking Account Balance $7,400.00***
   2. ***CD Account Balance $11,417.10***
   3. ***Duck Blind revenue for 2017-2018 Season $2,100.00***
5. ***Duck Blind Permits*** 
   1. ***2017-2018 Season permits will be available August 1, 2017 through October 30, 2017.***
   2. ***Permits will be $25.00 (84 blinds permitted in 17-18 season.)***
   3. ***No update from LDWF, Tommy Tuma on statewide rules changes.***
6. ***LADOTD Chee Chee Dam Inspection***
   1. ***To be completed this Calendar Year***
      1. ***Repair spalling around handrail posts***
      2. ***Remove unwanted vegetation near spillway on Natchitoches side.***
      3. ***Replace underdrain caps that are broken***
7. ***Lake Rules and Regulations***
   1. ***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.***
8. ***LA. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Stocking Program***
   1. ***Villis Dowden did report that he was attempting to get Black Lake, Sibley Lake and Saline Lake on a 3 year rotation for stocking of Florida Bass.***
9. ***Spraying/Drawdowns/Tree Removal***
   1. ***Villis Dowden reported that Saline would receive an increased amount of spraying as current lake conditions make it possible to access more areas. Crews were on the lake currently spraying mostly in the lower Chee Chee Bay area.***
   2. ***A Summer drawdown was discussed and no hard commitment made on whether there will be or not. Villis will push forward with administrative process just in case there is a need to drawdown. Concerns were voiced for and against a drawdown this year.***
   3. ***To help facilitate drawdown decisions and information, Villis was ask to present a contour map of the lake that would show water surface/dry land area with the lake at 95 msl, or at an 8 ft. drawdown.***
   4. ***J. Atherton continues to research land ownership within the lake and has made substantial progress. Per J. Atherton, NO ACTION on the contractor that is supposed to be cutting trees in Iatt Lake.***
10. ***Public/Commission Comments or Questions***
    1. ***W. Smith ask for input on raising the duck blind permits to $50 from $25. Commission decided $25 was adequate at this time. Black Lake would be raising their permit price from $10 to $25.***
    2. ***B. Dupree questioned Villis Dowden about native Black Bass vs Florida Bass re-stocking issues and genetics. Villis gave the Commission some interesting feedback on the stocking process and its goals.***

***Adjourn:***

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

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