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

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date: October 5, 2017**

**Meeting Location: Winn Parish Courthouse – Upstairs Police Jury Meeting Room**

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

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

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

**Invocation by: Josh Mcalister**

**Pledge of Allegiance by: J. Atherton**

1. **Adopt / Amend agenda**

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

1. **Sign in Sheet for Meeting: J. Atherton asked everyone to sign in so that there will be a record of those in attendance.**
2. **Introduction of saline lake commission members.**
3. **Introduction of Police Jury Members Present. Josh McAlister.**
4. **Contact list updates: J. Atherton explained what the list is used for… everyone who elects to sign up will be placed on the saline lake Network email list. This is a tool designed to both inform and communicate with those signed up.**
5. **Adopt last meeting minutes (July 6, 2017)**

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

1. **W. Smith made a motion to elect 2018 officers B. Carter as short term spraying / Drawdowns, J. Atherton President, W. Smith Duck Blinds and B. Butler secretary/treasurer.**
2. **Motion: W. Smith Second: T. Brewton Vote: Unanimous**
3. **Commission member Reports**

 **Secretary / Treasurer – B. Butler**

 **Duck Blinds – W. Smith**

 **Long Rang Tree Cutting – J. Atherton**

 **Short Term Spraying / Drawdowns – B. Carter**

1. **Report from LDWF – Villis Dowden**

 **LDWF annual spray activity by BOW for year 2017.**

1. **Salvinia Spraying 2017**

**Acres Sprayed – 1,521.00**

**Acres sprayed (by %) – 1,521.00**

**# Operations – 98**

**Hours sprayed (by pump) – 24.50**

**Crew hours (Trip Time) – 727.67**

1. **Misc. New/Old Business**
2. **Dates for 2018 meetings - Motion: B. Carter Second: T. Brewton Vote: Unanimous**
3. **WLF Zebra Mussel Study. No Zebra mussels were found on saline lake dam.**
4. **LDWF fish study for 2017.**
5. **Indicated a decrease in the abundance of largemouth bass over 12 inches in length.**
6. **Historical stockings by species ( 2011 – Florida bass 86,730 Channel Catfish 84,659)**
7. **LADOTD Dam Inspection- J. Atherton**

**Sluice gates closed and fish gates still open on 9/15/17 for new trash gate repair. Trash gates repaired 9/18/17and sluice gates reopened on 9/19/17.**

1. **Saline Lake Drawdown was from June 1, 2017 to October 2, 2017.**

**Lowest level at 6’11” on 8/4/17. Highest level at 4’10” on 9/2/17.**

**Drawdown complete 10/2/17 with gates closed at 99.4 feet MSL**

1. **Status of Boardwalk Pipeline repair – Work began 6/13/17 and work was completed 7/31/17. All repairs made.**

**19 Financial Report - Checking account has a balance of $ 7,165.56 (10/05/17). Duck Blinds have generated $ 1,650.00 (10/05/17). CD has a balance of $ 11,407.07**

 **20 Duck Blind Permits – Permit application dates are Aug 1 – Oct 31**

 **21 Public Comments – Input from crowd on questions, comments and**

 **Concerns.**

 **22 Adjournment: 7:58 pm**

 **Motion: B. Carter Second: B. Butler VOTE: Unanimous**

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*Jimmy Atherton; President / Date* Bill Butler*; Secretary/Treasurer / Date*