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

***Commission***

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

***Meeting Minutes***



***Meeting Date: July 11, 2019***

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

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

***Members Absent: B. Swords, B. Dupree, B. Carter***

***Called to order at: 6:28 pm by: J. Atherton***

***Invocation by: J. Atherton***

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



***Agenda/Minutes:***

***Adopt/Amend Agenda***

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

***Adopt last meeting minutes***

***Motion: W. Smith Second: B. Carter 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. Brian Swords has turned in his resignation to David Kees. Natchitoches parish government executive assistant.***

***3. Introduction of Guests:***

1. ***Elected Officials: none***
2. ***LA. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries: W. Maddox C. Finkbeiner***

***4. Financial Report (current)***

* 1. ***Checking Account Balance $8,752.93***
  2. ***CD Account Balance $11,517.11***
  3. ***Duck Blind revenue $2,200.00***

1. ***Duck Blind Permits*** 
   1. ***2019-2020 Season permits will be available August 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019.***
   2. ***Permits will be $25.00.***
2. ***LADOTD Chee Chee Dam Inspection***
   * 1. ***Inspection performed 4/11/19- Report to be sent. Bridge maintenance crew to schedule the repair on spalling around handrail posts. Replaced some caps on post already. Will continue to replace caps as needed.***
     2. ***Remove unwanted vegetation near spillway on Natchitoches side.***
     3. ***Replace underdrain caps that are broken.***
     4. ***B. Sticker waiting on State’s Brontosaurus machine to clear brush before end of year. Willing machine is available.***

***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.***
2. ***Rules and regulations are still in the process of getting passed.***
3. ***Working with the State on new rules.***
4. ***Still in the planning stage.***
5. ***LA. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Stocking Program- Villis Dowden***
6. ***May 2,2019 – Mulligan landing, Biologist on hand V. Dowden – 113.2 pounds/62,200 – Bass were 40-45 mm. (Fingerling 1.5 – 1.75 inches)***
7. ***May 23,2019 Mulligan landing – Biologist on hand B. Thaxton – 28.3 pounds/8,200 (surplus fingerlings)***

1. ***Short Term Spraying***
2. ***Treatment acreage 2019 is 4,000 acres as of 4/11/19. (salvinia, hyacinth and Cuban bulrush)***
3. ***Contract spray boats status, March 1,200 acres sprayed. July 383 acres.***
4. ***WLF & contractors will continue to spray till the lake gets to low. Due to the draw down.***

***10 Boom installation Mulligan Inn boat Ramp***

1. ***A boom was placed from the east bank to the west bank at the pipeline by Mulligan Inn.***
2. ***There are currently 3 entries and exits. These entries and exits will likely be decreased to 2 or 1 to minimize salvinia in the open areas.***
3. ***Boom is still in place and will be monitored as the lake water level is lowered.***

***11 Drawdown***

* 1. ***The drawdown started June 3, 2019 – October 1, 2019.***
  2. ***July 11, 2019 the lake was at 4’7” below normal.***

1. ***Tree Removal***

***a. J. Atherton continues to work with the state and land owners about the tree removal.***

***b. Corp of engineer letter of permission (LOP) permit#MVK-2019-139 received 5/29/19 for S. Sanders, 10 acres feasibility demonstration.***

* 1. ***Demonstration performed on June 11, 2019.***
  2. ***Second permit request made to crop of engineer for letter of permission (LOP) permit #MVK-2019-139 for additional acres. Permit in comment phase.***
  3. ***Meeting scheduled with US forestry service on July 17, 2019.***

***13 Public/Commission Comments or Questions: none***

***Adjourn: 7:50 pm***

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

***Jimmy Atherton Bill Butler***

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