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

***Commission***

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

***Meeting Minutes***



***Meeting Date: July 12, 2018***

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

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

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

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

***Invocation by: W. Smith***

***Pledge by: J. Atherton***



***Agenda/Minutes:***

***Adopt/Amend Agenda***

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

1. ***Motion to amend agenda item of closure of gates from 11/01/18 to 10/01/18. Original agenda had wrong information.***

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

***Adopt last meeting minutes***

***Motion: B. Butler 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: V. Dowden, Maddox, and Finkbeiner.***
4. ***Financial Report (current)***
   1. ***Checking Account Balance $7,165.85***
   2. ***CD Account Balance $11,426.38***
   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, 2018 through October 31, 2018.***
   2. ***Permits will be $25.00 (84 blinds permitted in 17-18 season.)***
   3. ***No update from LDWF, Tommy Tuma on statewide rules changes.***
   4. ***W.S. to publish permit data in winn parish enterprise.***
6. ***LADOTD Chee Chee Dam Inspection***
7. ***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.***
     4. ***When machine is available they will remove the vegetation.***
8. ***Lake Rules and Regulations***
9. ***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.***
10. ***Rules and regulations are still in the process of getting passed.***
11. ***LA. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Stocking Program***
12. ***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.***
13. ***V. Dowden reported that they will try and start the restocking in 2019.***
14. ***Spraying/Drawdowns/Tree Removal***
15. ***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 the channel and boat roads.***
16. ***700 acres have been sprayed to date.***
17. ***First contract of 20 days. 8 days have been sprayed to date.***
18. ***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.***
19. ***53% of the lake still has salvinia at the 8 foot drawdown mark. 50% of the lake will be exposed.***
20. ***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.***
21. ***Public/Commission Comments or Questions : none***

***Adjourn: 7:45 pm***

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

*** Bill Butler***

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