

.Bayou Pierre Wildlife Commission

Meeting January 6, 2015

Minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Barry Rambin, a prayer was offered by Dick Howell, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Barry Rambin.

In attendance at the meeting was Sean Kinney of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Harvey Christian of the DOTD.

Sean reported that he walked the outflow and found trees blocking the outflow. Mr Christian offered the suggestion that the lake be raised by two feet. There was no interest in raising the lake, everyone agreeing that there would be no substantial positive affect of Salvinia growth and cause a loss of land and piers. Mr. Harvey Christian indicated that \$1.75 million had been requested for fund the project of replacing the gates and upgrading the existing structure. Plastic sheet piling was suggested to be placed in front of the old structure to help prevent leakage.

DOTD would draw down the lake after July so that the gates could be replaced with stainless steel ones. Sean indicated that once the gates were replaced, the lake should be drawn down every three to four years to control the Salvinia.

The gates will remain closed until July to prevent more cypress trees from sprouting.