



# Saline Lake Game and Fish Preserve Commission

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

## Meeting Minutes

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**Meeting Date:** February 4, 2016

**Meeting Location:** Winn Parish Courthouse

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

**Members Absent:** B. Hightower, B. Carter

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

**Invocation by:** A. Robinson

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

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1. **Adopt modified agenda for meeting:**  
Motion: J. Atherton    Second: B. Dupree    Vote: Unanimous
2. **Adopt last meeting minutes from 11/19/15 meeting:**  
Motion: J. Atherton    Second: T. Brewton    Vote: Unanimous
3. **Introduction of new Natchitoches Parish commission members:**
  - A. Latnie (Trey) Brewton
  - B. Benjamin Dupree
4. **Introduction of Winn Parish Police Jury members present:**
  - A. Allen Michael McCartney
  - B. Josh Mcalister
  - C. Author Robinson
5. **Introduction of Wildlife & Fisheries members present:**
  - A. Jason Brancamp
  - B. Kane Finkbeiner
  - C. Wesley Maddox
  - D. Mark McElroy – Aquatic Solutions, LLC - contractor
6. **Contact List** – List started of local residents along the lake who will volunteer information on conditions in their area. List now contains 10 names.
7. **Financial Report** – Checking account contains \$4,618 and CD \$11, 358. 84.

8. **Drawdown 2015** – Last drawdown was from 11/19/15 to 1/28/16 due to excessive rain the lake never dropped below 18 inches and was above pool stage for the majority of the time the gates were open.
9. **Drawdown 2016** – WLF has a tentative plan for a drawdown after July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with subsequent 60 day drying and gate closing 10/31/16. Public comments requested a drawdown starting in June, 2016 – WLF to review. **Lake has a 43 acre water shed to 1 acre lake ratio for filling from rainfall.**
10. **Salvinia Spraying Plan WLF Boats** – Public comments came from two locations – Sand Point (M. Hines) and Rachael Slew (Larry Cooper). WLF stated they will spray from Sand Dump to Sand Point to open up the channel and at Rachael to enable access to the main lake. WLF Brancamp has stated he wishes locals to contact him directly with any spray boat requests – he has two spray boat crews that can take care of local complaints.
11. **Salvinia Spraying Plan Contractors** – W. Maddox stated there a currently only two spray companies under contract – Terminator, Pineville (3 boats at 16 acres per day per boat), Houston. Sprayco, Houston contractor is only one with air boats (22 acres per boat per day). Requested that the lower bay be sprayed ASAP and will require a spray boat. WLF boats capacity at 2 boats (12 acres per day per boat).
12. **WLF Salvinia Spraying Data** – J. Brancamp reviewed data from contract spraying and will forward data for WLF boats next week.
13. **Tree Removal Plan** – Requested Mark McElroy (new personnel addition to WLF for Saline Lake) to develop a comprehensive written plan on cutting trees. He stated he is to have a plan issue by October, 2016 and will contain information on spraying drawdowns, beetles, and tree cutting. It was voiced that the Commission was interested only his working only on the tree cutting part of a plan and felt that WLF Natchitoches could handle the short term solutions of spraying and drawdowns.
14. **Duck Blind Permits** – WLF Finkbeiner stated that public waters that had a Commission and exiting rules would be exempted from the new State rules concerning duck blinds on public waters.
15. **Adjournment**  
Motion: J. Atherton      Second: B. Dupree    Vote: Unanimous

**Minutes by:**

**J. Atherton, Board Member**

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**B. Hightower**  
**President**  
**2/6/2016**

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**Buck Carter**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
**2/6/2016**