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

***Commission***

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

***Meeting Minutes***



***Meeting Date: October 10, 2019***

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

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

***Members Absent: none***

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

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

***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.***
3. ***Discussion of open Commissioner Positions: 1 Winn Parish, 1 Natchitoches Parish.***
4. ***Officers Elected for 2020:***

***President: J. Atherton***

***Vice President: W. Smith***

***Secretary/Treasurer: B. Butler***

***Motion to stay the same.***

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

1. ***Discussion of Commissioner’s Responsibilities for 2020:***

***Duck Blinds- W. Smith***

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

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

***Motion to stay the same.***

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

***6. Introduction of Guests:***

1. ***Elected Officials: none***
2. ***LA. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries: V. Dowden***

***7. Financial Report (current)***

* 1. ***Checking Account Balance $8,526.29***
  2. ***CD Account Balance $11,542.83***
  3. ***Duck Blind revenue $2,200.00***

***8 Duck Blind Permits***

* 1. ***2020-2021 Season permits will be available August 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020. Any permits not paid for in this time frame will become available on first come, first serve basis.***
  2. ***Permits will be $25.00.***
  3. ***Draft of new duck blind regulations called “Commission Lake Regulations” presented 10/10/19 for Commission review.  Discussion / approval of draft for 2020.***

1. ***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. ***Install valve stem covers and 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.***
2. ***Lake Rules and Regulations***
3. ***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.***
4. ***Rules and regulations are still in the process of getting passed.***
5. ***Working with the State on new rules.***
   1. ***Lake Rules & Regulations- V. Dowden will be meeting with every inland district about the new rules and regulations presented.***

***11 LA. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Status- Villis Dowden***

1. ***Channel Marking- Re marking of the channel will start when the lake is at pool stage.***

***12 Short Term Spraying***

1. ***WLF & Contract spray boats will start treatment of (salvinia, hyacinth and Cuban bulrush) when the lake gets to pool stage and weather permits.***

***13 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.***

***14 Drawdown***

* 1. ***Gates opened 6/3/19 and closed 10/01/19 at 95.5MSL. Moved logs off of the dam face on 9/26/19.***

***15 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.***

* 1. ***Second permit request made to crop of engineer for letter of permission (LOP) permit #MVK-2019-139M for additional acres. Permit in comment phase.***
  2. ***Contractor reviewed 10acre test plot with WLF to determine feasibility and cost. Waiting on estimate.***

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

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

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

***Jimmy Atherton Bill Butler***

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