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

 ***Commission***

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

 ***Meeting Minutes***

***Meeting Date: October 08, 2020***

***Meeting Location: Couley Methodist Church, 14245 Highway 84W, Winnfield, La. 71483***

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

***Members Absent: B. Carter, T. Brewton,***

***Called to order at: 5:30 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.***

1. ***Discussion of Election of officers 2020:***

 ***President: J. Atherton***

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

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

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

***Motion: W. Smith Second: J. Kelley Vote: Unanimous***

 ***4. 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: J. Kelley Second: B. Butler Vote: Unanimous***

***5. Introduction of Guests:***

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

***6. Financial Report (current)***

* 1. ***Checking Account Balance $ 10,635.11***
	2. ***CD Account Balance $11,583.50***
	3. ***Duck Blind revenue $1,625.00***

***7 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.***

 ***8. 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. ***Lake Rules & Regulations- V. Dowden will be meeting with every inland district, interested commissions, and the public to streamline all aspects of passive gear within the state.***

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

1. ***Channel Marking- They started marking north of sand dump and stopped at Brewton boat road. They will continue to mark where needed.***

***10 Short Term Spraying***

1. ***WLF & Contract spray boats treatment of (salvinia, hyacinth and Cuban bulrush). From Jun to July approximately 747 acres in 2020 was sprayed.***
2. ***New area of tree growth in open water between oak#1 and oak#2 – WLF plan. Will evaluate issue in 2021 meeting.***
3. ***WLF will continue to spay north of the Boom. Channel and Boat roads will be monitored.***

***11 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 rises.***

***12 Drawdown***

* 1. ***Gates opened 6/2/20 and closed 10/01/20.***

***13 Tree Removal***

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

***b. Continuing to work with contractors on the tree removal.***

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

***Adjourn: 6:30 pm***

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

 ***Jimmy Atherton Bill Butler***

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