

MINUTES
LAKE PROVIDENCE WATERSHED COUNCIL
December 5, 2017

The Lake Providence Watershed Council met via conference call at 1:00 p.m. on December 5, 2017.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Moses

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Thomas Van Biersel, Andy Brister, Mark Brown, Lee Denny, Francis Lensing, Ricky Moses (Chairman)

A QUORUM WAS NOT MET

Others in Attendance: Ryan Daniel (LDWF), John Fontenot (USFWS)

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the October 18, 2017 council meeting were approved. *No quorum. Approve at next meeting with quorum.*

RECORD of COMMENTS and DISCUSSION

R. Moses announced that Joey Smith, LDHH is no longer on the Council and will be replaced soon.

Mark Brown commented on the success of the cover crop program, stating that 80% of properties within the LP watershed are participating. Water currently flowing into lake from 2 in. rainfall appears much less turbid than in past.

A. Brister and F. Lensing commented about the need to publicize the importance of the cover crop program and increase awareness of the issue at LP. NRCS is currently creating an informative video. Will consult with Eddie Foster, NRCS to determine best way to publicize.

T. Van Biersel gave update on False River project. Noted delay in determining a dump site for sediment from the north end. Currently acquiring USACE permits. Suggested sampling LP sediment to determine potential options for use. Island on north end may be possible.

A. Brister stated that he has not gotten an update on potential USACE funding. Road swap with LDOTD may still be best option for matching funds.

L. Denny stated that he may request vote on road swap at January ECPPJ meeting.

A. Brister commented that submittal has been made for 2018 capital outlay funding.

T. Van Biersel commented on the need to get an estimate from LDOTD on project cost and request Dr. Wilson to get LDOTD-Monroe involved.

A. Brister remarked that he will contact Dr. Geist at LA Tech for engineering assistance and possible ecosystem study.

There was a brief discussion about the potential of a tax to raise funding for LP improvement projects. It was agreed to delay proposal until specific funding needs are identified and more progress is achieved.

It was agreed to cancel the tentatively scheduled meeting in LP in January. The next council meeting was scheduled for March 6, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., to be held in the LP Sheriffs annex. If there is a need to meet prior, contact R. Moses, who will e-mail all with instructions

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Ricky Moses, Chairman