

The following are brief notes as I could remember them from the June 14, 2017 LPWC meeting

- The meeting was held by Conference Call – We did not have a quorum in attendance.
- Attendees - Thomas Van Biersel, Michael Renfrow, Amanda Vincent, Andy Brister, Francis Lensing, Lee Denny, Ricky Moses, Ryan Daniel
- Reviewed membership list – Need to change the LDWF representative and confirm the LDAF representative.
- Amanda Vincent- USEPA approved a 2-year monitoring plan for the lake. LDEQ started water quality monitoring study in May. Samples are collected biweekly for at least DO, temperature, TDS, TSS, turbidity and nutrients. Amanda checked and reported fecal coliforms are not being tested.
- Ryan Daniel – reported LDWF spring electrofishing sampling indicates crappie populations were as high as they have on record and bass populations are average; continued monitoring of Asian carp population in the lake
- Andy Brister - Local fishing reports support LDWF sampling. Also indicated that water quality was very good so far this year, but they have missed out on several storms that affected the rest of the state.
- Francis Lensing – indicated that the Tensas structure was in poor condition and may not hold water at pool stage this year. Reynolds Minsky visited the structures with Katrina Jackson.
- Thomas Van Biersel – reported the Flood Control Pre-Application was accepted. However, the local district of LDOTD is currently understaffed and will not be able to help us prepare the proposal for this October, so we are currently proposing to submit the application by Oct. 2018. This will give us time to either secure the 10% match or prepare legislation to revise the statute to the program waving the match requirement.
- Andy Brister – led discussion on the need to continue searching for funding and the need to revisit collaboration with the Corps. He suggested setting up a meeting with Rep. Abraham and the Corps in Vicksburg.
- Lake Providence request did not make the capital outlay bill again
- Need to continue searching for local funding to replace water control structures, including \$ 250,000 match.
- NRCS MRBI Initiative is ongoing and is providing encouraging reports on farmers taking advantage of the cover crops program to prevent erosion and depositing sedimentation in the lake. Additional funds for this year (year 2) are available, increased to approximately \$ 600,000
- Andy Brister is going to request a site visit to the structures with DOTD Sec. Wilson and Chris Knotts to look at the condition of the structures.
- Andy Brister is going to set up a meeting in Baton Rouge to discuss possible legislations and revisit capital outlay funding.
- The next meeting is tentatively going to occur in Lake Providence at 10:00 AM on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- Need confirmation on authority of Baxter Bayou structure, likely the police jury
- Mike Renfro – CRP program is likely the best bet for installation of buffer strips between croplands and the lake and drainage ditches