

MINUTES
LAKE PROVIDENCE WATERSHED COUNCIL
August 18, 2020

The Lake Providence Watershed Council met via conference call at 11:00 a.m. on August 18, 2020.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Moses.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present (12): Ricky Moses (Chairman), Thomas Van Biersel, Francis Lensing, Andy Brister, Amanda Vincent, Reynold Minsky, Mark Brown, Tyler Lollis, Teddy Schneider, Kevin Wofford

Others in Attendance: Ryan Daniel (LDWF)

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the June 17, 2020 council meeting were approved.

AGENDA

The current agenda was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

- Levee Board Update (R. Minsky) – Mr. Minsky met with Kent Parrish (COE) and was told that \$4 mil. was requested for studies on the Tensas and Colewa drainages. Senator Cassidy has given support for these projects. Supposedly the \$4 mil. is currently in the 2021 COE Work Plan.
- Watershed Report (T. Van Biersel) – Interim report was submitted with no comments.
- LDWF Lake Report (R. Daniel) – Electrofishing sampling will take place this fall. Results of largemouth bass age and growth analysis from spring samples are not completed.
- Police Jury Update (R. Clement) – Mr. Clement has been ill but is recovering.
- A. Vincent (LDEQ) reported that field sampling will be resuming very soon.
- LWI Update – F. Lensing stated that meetings attended earlier this year prioritized Monroe area projects and believes that it will still be a little while before LP projects are addressed. Randy Denmon is assisting LP with LWI issues.
- Renewal of the Council (T. Van Biersel) – interim report will be required annually if no sunset date has been established.
- Capital Outlay (A. Brister) – we need to keep on the agenda the request for \$100,000 in capital outlay to provide local match for flood control project

ANNOUNCEMENTS

T. Van Biersel: asked if ECPPJ has received an “acknowledge receipt” or a response letter concerning request of funding from LDOTD Flood Program. (R. Minsky confirmed by phone with R. Clement that a letter has not been received). Let Thomas know when a response is received.

A. Brister: There has been a lot of activity on the lake this summer, rental properties have been booked, hopefully some stimulus to the local economy.

F. Lensing: Tensas weir has been leaking badly, though lake is near full from recent rainfall. He suggested that more sandbags may be necessary for immediate relief. T. Van Biersel suggested taking photos now and at lower levels to submit to LDOTD. R. Minsky recommended copying Sen. Jackson on any requests to LDOTD. F. Lensing also mentioned that the Baxter structure is failing and will get photos. T. Van Biersel suggested the use of game cameras to monitor the flow at the structures.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

The next council meeting was scheduled for October 20, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Meeting type (conf. call or live) to be determined at later date.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Ricky Moses, Chairman