

**MINUTES**  
**LAKE PROVIDENCE WATERSHED COUNCIL**  
**October 19, 2022**

The Lake Providence Watershed Council met at the East Carroll Courthouse on October 19, 2022.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Butler.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present (11): Kristi Butler (Chairman), Thomas Van Biersel (Vice Chairman), Francis Lensing, Jim Lensing, Andy Brister, Randy Walters, R. Minsky, Donna Winters, Roger Clement, Michael Schooler (LDAF), Brian Howard

A quorum was met.

Others in Attendance: R. Daniel (LDWF)

PREVIOUS MINUTES AND CURRENT AGENDA

The minutes of the August 17, 2022 meeting were approved. F. Lensing motion, J. Lensing second  
The agenda of this meeting was approved. A. Brister motion, R. Minsky second

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Howard has been officially appointed to the Council (Town of Lake Providence Rep.)

OLD BUSINESS

Fifth Levee Board: R. Minsky stated that he took the MRC on tour of the Tensas on Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that Tensas Bayou should be restored to it's 1974 condition and they could accomplish with appropriate funding.

Watershed Report: T. Van Biersel reminded members to keep taking photos and sending evidence of flood damage for the 2023 Interim Report.

Police Jury Update: R. Walters stated that the Police Jury will be submitting for the remainder of the funding needed for the weir repair in the 2023 Capital Outlay. \$100,000 for engineering and \$700,000 for the repairs has been requested. A contract with Volkert (Denmon) Engineering will be sought when funds are received.

LWI Update: Police Jury will request Volkert to handle LWI applications. K. Butler reminded members of an upcoming LWI Webinar that should be beneficial for project submittals.

Capital Outlay: none

Other:

B. Howard stated that there will likely be very little cover crop plantings in the watershed this winter because of the drought conditions. It was mentioned that sediment runoff would likely be high if the area experienced a major rain event in the near future.

F. Lensing stated that bass fishing success has been fair to good this past year on the lake.

It was mentioned that repairs to the bulkhead surrounding the Tensas Basin boat launch should be complete this week.

J. Lensing mentioned that he and others would assist with the collection of Christmas tree to deploy into the lake as fisheries habitat. LDWF will assist with deployment. Suggested to collect trees at a boat launch.

K. Butler mentioned the infrastructure grants applied for by LDWF. Lake Providence was included in a request list to the grant writers for a watershed rehabilitation grant.

B. Howard asked about the necessity to pursue private funding. A. Brister replied that there may be the need to form a public body with focus on lake improvement to secure private and matching funds.

F. Lensing stated that he had spoken with A. Bridgewater (NRCS) about attending this meeting but he could not make it. Mr. Bridgewater said that he is committed to assisting in any way.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### OTHER – Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting date was scheduled for 11:00 a.m. January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Kristi Butler, Chairman