

MINUTES
LAKE PROVIDENCE WATERSHED COUNCIL
August 17, 2022

The Lake Providence Watershed Council met via conference call on August 17th, 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, K. Wofford, T. Lollis (DHH), Amy Prejeaux (LDEQ)

A quorum was met.

Others in Attendance: R. Daniel (LDWF)

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the April 25, 2022 special meeting were approved. F. Lensing motion, R. Minsky second

The minutes of the May 4, 2022 meeting were approved. R. Minsky motion, J. Lensing second

The agenda of this meeting was not approved – no motion taken.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Amy Prejeaux has replaced Amanda Vincent as the LDEQ representative on the Council.

Brian Howard should be added to the council e-mail list. He still needs a recommendation from the Town of Lake Providence.

OLD BUSINESS

Fifth Levee Board: R. Minsky stated that the MRC will be meeting in L.P. on Aug. 24th. He will show them a test plot on the Tensas of an area that has been cleared and chipped.

T. Van Biersel inquired if the COE has begun modeling yet, as they should be beginning soon. R. Minsky could not confirm if they have begun.

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Watershed Report:

ECPPJ Update: R. Walters stated that the ECPPJ will submit capital outlay application in October and expressed the need to get support from local legislators.

LWI Update: none; K. Butler stated that she will try to get Raynie Harlan (LDWF) to provide an update at next meeting. She also inquired on who generally provides the updates. F. Lensing

stated that the ECPPJ has provided in past, but have not gotten any new information from the LWI. He requested a representative from the LWI to discuss and provide direction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Prejeaux stated that the 2022 water quality report has been finalized and the impairment for Total Dissolved Solids has been removed, though LP is now listed as impaired for fish and wildlife propagation due to low dissolved oxygen levels. This report is updated every four years. Others stated that the low D.O. levels could be the result of the low water levels in the lake recently. T. Van Biersel stated that high fertilizer input can lead to low D.O. levels

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OTHER – Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting date was scheduled for 11:00 a.m. October 19th, 2022 at the Sheriff's Office

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Kristi Butler, Chairman