

MINUTES
LAKE PROVIDENCE WATERSHED COUNCIL
October 30, 2019

The Lake Providence Watershed Council met via conference call at 11:00 a.m. on October 30, 2019.

Meeting was called to order by Thomas Van Biersel, LDNR (R. Moses absent).

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present (11): Thomas Van Biersel, Francis Lensing, Andy Brister, Teddy Schneider, Amanda Vincent, Reynold Minsky, Donna Winters, Kevin Wofford, Jim Lensing, Roger Clement (L. Denny replacement), Mark Brown

Others in Attendance: Ryan Daniel (LDWF), D. Thaves (landowner), Randy Denmon (Denmon Engineering), Helen Toney (ECPPJ), Dan Moore (COE), _____(COE)

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the August 14, 2019 and March 20, 2019 council meetings were approved.

Commented [DR1]: No quorum at Sept. 18 meeting. Did we approve minutes?

AGENDA

The current agenda was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Levee Board Update – Minsky has met recently with COE
- Updating Watershed Report (Van Biersel) – request of any additional information that may support specific needs for this project.
 - New membership should be included in upcoming report (legislators, appointments)
- Police Jury Update: ECPPJ has submitted list of roads to potentially swap with State. Funds generated from swap to be used as matching funds for repairs to control structures.
 - Re-apply for \$100k in capital outlay for COE study on the hydraulics of the structures (HB2 submittal deadline is Nov. 1)
 - Meet with incoming Sen. Katrina Jackson

NEW BUSINESS

- Louisiana Watershed Initiative – F. Lensing and R. Minsky will be local representatives for the LWI. Lensing will represent the Council and the ECPPJ and Minsky will represent the Council and the Tensas Levee Board.
 - R. Denmon – “No Regret” projects will be priority in this part of the state. Need to meet with T. Hilburn to discuss potential projects. Big Creek, Macon, and Tensas should be getting funding.
 - Dec. 13th deadline for establishing steering committees

- The levee board could be the local government entity for funding requests.
- Council Renewal
 - Council will exist until Dec. 31, 2020
 - Request to Sen. Jackson (incoming) for renewal
- Control Structures
 - R. Denmon – Tensas structure needs redesigned to manage the water level. A control structure should be placed on Tensas rather than on Baxter.
 - Water is flowing more efficiently through Tensas near the lake since the Parish has performed cleaning work in the area.
 - Sakrete bags are holding well
 - R. Denmon – “re-establishment” projects should be approved for funding; has sent historic drainage plans to Kent Parish (COE)
 - Baxter structure needs to be located closer to lake

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

The next council meeting was scheduled for January 22, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., to be held in the Sheriffs office.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

Ricky Moses, Chairman