

**MINUTES**  
**LAKE PROVIDENCE WATERSHED COUNCIL**  
**January 22, 2020**

The Lake Providence Watershed Council met at the East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office at 11:00 a.m. on January 22, 2022.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Moses.

ROLL CALL

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

Others in Attendance: Ryan Daniel (LDWF), Brian Howard (ECSWCD, landowner), Max Cox (NRCS)

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the October 30, 2019 council meetings were approved.

AGENDA

The current agenda was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Levee Board Update (R. Minsky) - Randy Denmon (Denmon Engineering) is planning meeting with COE. \$1 million for drainage improvements to be requested. Request to ECPPJ to continue their clean out projects of the drainages surrounding the lake. Commented that COE has claimed that they need funding to clean out their portion of the Tensas.
- Updating Watershed Report (T. Van Biersel) – request of any additional information that may support specific needs for this project.
  - All council members should confirm appointments with newly elected legislators.
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- LDWF Lake Report (R. Daniel) – LDWF will be conducting fisheries sampling in 2020; plans to assess growth rates to determine if any growth impairment due to water quality or other factors
- Police Jury Update (R. Clement) – road swap not yet completed. Need to get a design from Denmon on the Tensas weir improvements to submit with funding application to LDOTD. T. Van Biersel mentioned that the first funding application will expire this year (4-yrs.)
- LWI Update (F. Lensing) – F. Lensing has recently attended 2 meetings in Monroe. It seems that the LP project may not qualify for Phase I, though possibly phase II. R. Denmon will help negotiate for LP. Funding directly to the levee district may be more beneficial and more realistic.
- Renewal of the Council – It was agreed to extend the Council for an additional year. Need to request Council extension for next year from Sen. K. Jackson.

### NEW BUSINESS

A. Brister asked if the capital outlay request was submitted on time. No confirmation.

There was a brief discussion about Council membership. There was a general consensus to maintain the current membership.

M. Cox cautioned about the over-clearing of trees alongside streams and ditches. It could potentially be a violation of the Food Security Act.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

All were invited to the Lake Providence producers meeting next month. Date: Feb. 6 @ 10:00  
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### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

The next council meeting was scheduled for April 1, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., to be held in the Sheriffs office.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

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Ricky Moses, Chairman