

MINUTES
LAKE PROVIDENCE WATERSHED COUNCIL
April 1, 2020

The Lake Providence Watershed Council met via conference call at 11:00 a.m. on April 1, 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, Donna Winters, Kevin Wofford, Roger Clement, Mark Brown, Tyler Lollis

Others in Attendance: Ryan Daniel (LDWF), Mr. Bridgewater (NRCS)

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the January 22, 2020 council meetings were approved.

AGENDA

The current agenda was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Levee Board Update (R. Minsky) – has been in discussion with COE about chipping trees and snags in the Tensas, similar to DOTD roadside chipping. COE is in favor. Could potentially happen this year, though delays from COVID are expected. Mr. Minsky will meet with the new Vicksburg District General, who begins in June.
- Approval of Watershed Report (T. Van Biersel) – report has been accepted, will submit as soon as legislature resumes. Need to ask DOTD for extension for application for flood control funding. The current deadline is Oct. 2020. Andy can assist Roger with extension request.
- LDWF Lake Report (R. Daniel) – LDWF will be conducting electrofishing sampling in spring and fall 2020; plans to assess growth rates to determine if any growth impairment due to water quality or other factors
- Police Jury Update (R. Clement) – looking for funding for control structure repairs. ECPPJ will try to clean out Baxter Bayou in vicinity of lake and structure. Still working on a final list for road swap with LDOTD. Potential for FEMA funding. May not be including Hwy. 596 in road swap. Delays due to COVID.
- A. Vincent (LDEQ) reported that most field sampling has been temporarily suspended.
- LWI Update (F. Lensing) – no new news. Lensing attended 3 meetings past winter. ECPPJ has new member who will begin working on LWI project.
- Renewal of the Council – A. Brister submitted request to extend Council. Legislators have been notified. T. Van Biersel noted that he has not seen that it has been filed yet. A. Brister believes that Sharon at Rep. Thompson's office has communicated with Sen. Jackson's office.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

The next council meeting was scheduled for June 17th, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., to be held in the Sheriffs office.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40pm.

Ricky Moses, Chairman