

MINUTES
LAKE PROVIDENCE WATERSHED COUNCIL
October 27, 2020

The Lake Providence Watershed Council met via conference call at 11:00 a.m. on October 27, 2020.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Moses.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present (8): Ricky Moses (Chairman), Thomas Van Biersel, Francis Lensing, Andy Brister, Amanda Vincent, Reynold Minsky, Teddy Schneider, Jim Lensing

Others in Attendance: Anthony Bridgewater (NRCS)

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the August 18, 2020 council meeting were approved (motion R. Minsky/2nd F. Lensing)

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

- Levee Board Update (R. Minsky) – Mr. Minsky said that he had no news regarding the \$4 mil. requested by the Corps to study on the Tensas and Colewa drainages. He indicated that during the last two rain storms a lot of water and trash was entering the lake from Baxter Bayou.
- Watershed Report (T. Van Biersel) – Indicated that we should start planning for the 2021 report (annual report to the legislature).
- LWI Update – No news except that the parish employee that was representing the parish with the LWI has left, but she has been replaced. Randy Denmon is assisting the levee board with LWI.
- Renewal of the Council (T. Van Biersel) – HCR 96 for 2020 requires an annual report and there is no longer a sunset date for the council.
- Capital Outlay (A. Brister) – Francis will ask Roger Clement about the \$100,000 in capital outlay to provide for a study of the lake.
- Weir condition (Francis Lensing) – the weir continues to weaken due to all the rain that has occurred. F. Lensing will take picture and send them to T. Van Biersel
- A. Vincent (LDEQ) reported that field sampling has resumed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Funding (A. Bridgewater) – there may be opportunity to get funding from NRCS through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (PL-566).

A. Vincent (LDEQ) reported that the Non-Point group monitoring work with NRCS has a success story article uploaded on the USEPA website. A. Vincent will send the link.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

The next council meeting was scheduled for December 7, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Meeting type (conf. call).

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Ricky Moses, Chairman