

MINUTES
LAKE PROVIDENCE WATERSHED COUNCIL
December 16, 2020

The Lake Providence Watershed Council met via conference call at 11:00 a.m. on December 16, 2020.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Moses.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present (8): Ricky Moses (Chairman), Thomas Van Biersel, Andy Brister, Amanda Vincent, Teddy Schneider, Jim Lensing, Mark Brown, Donna Winters, Rep. Travis Johnson

Others in Attendance: Ryan Daniel (LDWF)

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the October 27, 2020 council meeting were approved (motion M. Brown/2nd T. Van Biersel)

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

- Levee Board Update (R. Minsky) – none provided
- Watershed Report (T. Van Biersel) – Indicated that we should start planning for the 2021 report (annual report to the legislature). Deadline is May 1, 2021. Will request updates and new information in early 2021. Photos of damaged Tensas structure requested. It was determined that the lake level has not been low enough to provide revealing photos of the structure. The pre-application to LDOTD for repair funding has not been approved, but has also not been denied. LDOTD may possibly be waiting to see if repairs may be covered by LWI funding.
- Police Jury Update – none provided
- LWI Update – No news except that the parish employee that was representing the parish with the LWI has left, but she has been replaced. Council needs to determine who is the current ECPPJ representative. Notification of LWI Region 3 Steering Committee meeting on Dec. 17 was given. Requested to notify Francis Lensing and ECPPJ of meeting. A. Vincent gave notice of Round 1 application deadline (Feb. 28, 2021) and mentioned information available on the public LWI website. Web address was provided to all Council members: <https://www.watershed.la.gov/round-1-projects>
- Capital Outlay (A. Brister) –T. Van Biersel provided history of flood control funding application at the request of A. Brister for benefit of Rep. Johnson. A. Brister also provided brief summary of the purpose of the Council and history of problems within the LP watershed. Rep. Johnson indicated that he would provide a letter of support and will work

with Rep. Thompson, who is member of the House Appropriations Committee. Rep. Johnson pledged support to secure necessary funding.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

The next council meeting was scheduled for February 10, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. via conf. call.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Ricky Moses, Chairman