

MINUTES
LAKE PROVIDENCE WATERSHED COUNCIL
Sept. 29, 2021

The Lake Providence Watershed Council met at the Sheriffs Office at 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 29, 2021.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Moses.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present (5): Ricky Moses (Chairman), Thomas Van Biersel, Francis Lensing, Jim Lensing, and Reynold Minsky

A quorum was not met.

Others in Attendance: R. Daniel (WLF), Anthony Bridgewater (NRCS), Randy Walters (ECPPJ)

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the April 14, 2021 and July 7, 2021 council meetings were not approved due to lack of quorum.

AGENDA

The agenda for this meeting was not approved due to lack of quorum.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion concerning request for \$100,000 in 2022 HB2; request must come from ECPPJ; R. Walters stated that past requests haven't received the votes necessary but will go ahead and submit the application; T. Van Biersel stated that it has not been a line item in past HB2's and political support will be necessary to add it as a line item; also a possibility that it could get tossed out due to LAWI, as it is a water issue and could get funded through it
- Tensas Structure: R. Walters stated that ECPPJ will pay for engineering for new structure
- Parish Culvert Permit Policy: R. Walters commented on the problem of not having a culvert permitting policy in Parish ditches, which has lead to insufficient culverts and flooding. T. Van Biersel recommended a review of LDOTD guidelines and not to restrict flow. A. Bridgewater mentioned that NRCS can assist to determine drainage requirements in specific areas.

OLD BUSINESS

- R. Minsky stated that he gave COE permission to survey dredging needs and conduct stream profiles on Tensas Bayou at Hwy. 581.

- F. Lensing stated that ECCPJ has hired a contractor to clean out Baxter Bayou between Cotton Club Rd. and the Baxter structure. Work has already begun and progress photos were provided. After a recent rainfall, all flow was westward, as before this work, it likely would have gone eastward into the lake.
- R. Minsky mentioned that drop pipes should be installed in all ditches flowing into Baxter Bayou.
- A. Bridgewater mentioned that NRCS is still pushing cover crops and educating farmers. More farmers are voluntarily participating. He is working on tying a watershed study in Madison with East Carroll.
- Tensas Structure: reported to be leaking badly, lake is still near pool stage from recent rainfall but will drop rapidly following a rain event
- LWI Update – None
- Fisheries Update - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OTHER

The next council meeting was scheduled for Wednesday January 19, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in Lake Providence at the sheriff annex.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Ricky Moses, Chairman