

MINUTES
LAKE PROVIDENCE WATERSHED COUNCIL
December 1, 2016

The Lake Providence Watershed Council met at the East Carroll Sheriff's Office on December 1, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Moses

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Thomas Van Biersel, Amanda Vincent, Francis Lensing, Andy Brister, Reynold Minsky, Teddy Schneider, Mark Brown, Joey Smith, Ricky Moses (Chairman)

Others in Attendance: John Posey (LDEQ), Ryan Daniel (LDWF), Eddie Foster (NRCS), Ed Hamilton (citizen), William Wise (citizen), Cathy Wise (citizen), Becky Lowe? (citizen)

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the April, 2016 council meeting were approved.

COMMENTS and DISCUSSION

Chairman Moses addressed the council, gave introductions, and provided an update on the status of the council.

Mr. Van Biersel reported that the L. P. Interim Report is now located on the DNR website under the Office of Coastal Management.

Mr. Brister updated the council on recent meetings that he and others have attended in an effort to publicize the project and get listed in HB2. Meetings were held with Jay Dardenne (Commissioner of DOA) and Mark Moses (DOA), and also with the COE and LDOTD (Chris Knotts). He requested 2 bound copies of the report for placement in the Lake Providence library.

Mr. F. Lensing shared information provided by Mr. Lee Denny (absent) concerning his meeting with LDOTD. The ECPJ will be responsible for requesting funding through LDOTD for a hydrology and drainage study.

An application for Section 406 (disaster relief/mitigation) funding has been made to the COE to provide \$100,000 for future flood prevention.

Mr. Schneider and Mr. Foster (NRCS) provided updates on recent NRCS activity in the area concerning the planting of cover crops and soil management. Four contracts have been made in 2016 on sensitive ag. areas in the L. P. drainage. Funding is currently available for 3 more years, though results must be seen to secure funding beyond 3 years. Still need more landowners to sign up.

Mrs. Becky Lowe? (public) stated that the water depth at the end of her pier has gone from 7 ft. in 1995 to only 2 ft. today.

Mr. Van Biersel stated that an updated Interim Report will be submitted to the legislature by May 1, 2017. Any additional flood information was requested.

Mr. Minsky mentioned discussions with Mr. Denny to determine problematic areas on the Tensas River and are working on a plan to address. Plan to include cleaning of banks and drainage improvement. The Levee Board will perform the work if funded.

The next council meeting was set for Feb. 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the East Carroll Parish Sheriffs Office.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Ricky Moses, Chairman