

**MINUTES**  
**LAKE PROVIDENCE WATERSHED COUNCIL**  
**February 11, 2016**

The Lake Providence Watershed Council met at the East Carroll Sheriff's Office on February 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Randy Myers called the meeting to order:

Council Members Present: Thomas Van Biersel, John Posey (LDEQ, proxy for A. Vincent), Jim Lensing, Francis Lensing, Andy Brister, Reynold Minsky, Joey Smith, Teddy Schneider, and Randy Myers, Chairman.

Others in Attendance: Dan Moore (USACE), Barry Moore (USACE), Donovan Taves (ECSWCD), Eddie Foster (NRCS), Chris Knotts (LDOTD), \_\_\_\_\_ (LDOTD)

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

The minutes of the January 14, 2016 Council meeting were approved with no comments.

T. Van Biersel issued reminder that a running draft of the Interim Report will be necessary by next month, with any additional pertinent information needed a.s.a.p.

General Discussion:

- F. Lensing gave account of flood and related turbidity events, drainage problems, and summary of issues and concerns
- R. Minsky reiterated that dredging and cleaning of the Tensas River channel to at least as far south as the Tensas NWR will be necessary for proper drainage of the lake. Funding needed.
- Mr. Knotts (LDOTD) gave overview of LDOTD cost-sharing flood control program for drainage improvements. A request from ECPJ will be necessary. Documentation of flood damage or impacts caused by impaired drainage will be required.
- T. Van Biersel recommended an additional report summarizing flood events for submittal to LDOTD. USACE will assist in providing any records.
- J. Lensing provided update on Land Use Development.
- T. Schneider and E. Foster discussed water quality issues and the NRCS cover crop program.
- Dan Moore – stated that USACE is committed to assisting in any way; issued handout summarizing Sec. 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act, including estimated cost of Tensas Bayou weir project.
- Mr. Taves provided further insight and comments regarding funding for cover crops.

The next meeting will be scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the East Carroll Sheriff's Office.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Randy Myers, Chairman