

MINUTES
LAKE PROVIDENCE WATERSHED COUNCIL
May 4, 2022

The Lake Providence Watershed Council met at the Country Club at 1:00 p.m. on May 4, 2022.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Butler.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present (11): Kristi Butler (Chairman), Thomas Van Biersel (Vice Chairman), Francis Lensing, Andy Brister, Donna Winters, Randy Walters

A quorum was not met.

Others in Attendance: Harold Eggert (Guest/Council assistance), R. Daniel (LDWF), Brian Howard

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the April 25 special meeting were not approved due to no quorum.

The agenda of this meeting was not approved due to no quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

R. Walters gave details of the police jury funding request in HB2. There has been a request for \$100,000 for a study and \$400,000 to contribute to actual construction on the two weirs. They are now priority 1 status.

NEW BUSINESS

-Introductions by Council members were given to K. Butler.

-H. Eggert stated that he would commit for at least 3 months to determine if his services are resulting in the operations of the Council becoming more efficient and effective.

-A. Brister introduced B. Howard to K. Butler and has gotten word from Donnie ___ (alderman) that he will request a vote for Mr. Howard to become the Town of Lake Providence Council representative. T. Van Biersel stated that this must be done by this fall.

-D. Winters stated the importance to appropriate funding for the cleaning of the Tensas south of LP. She mentioned the frequent and largescale flooding of croplands in the area.

-T. Van Biersel mentioned that 2 studies will likely be conducted (COE and LWI). COE has done some surveying south of Hwy. 580 and are scheduled to perform hydrology modeling this year. He also stated that a sufficient structure on Tensas would likely cost in excess of one million dollars (\$2.4 million was estimated for both structures several years ago).

-A. Brister described the LP drainage and the major issues with the lake to K. Butler.

-T. Van Biersel mentioned that drainage and water quality are the two primary issues to be addressed. Jack Falls Bayou is a major contributor of sediment, though it is still unknown how to effectively correct this problem due to ownership, location, and other issues.

-Randy Walters stated that Rescue (Covid) money issued to the parish could potentially be used for drainage projects. The road swap money may not be needed for drainage projects.

-A Brister suggested that R. Walters contact Randy Denmon (engineer) for update on LWI projects in the area.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OTHER – Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting date was scheduled for 11:00 a.m. August 17th at the Sheriff's Office.

Meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Kristi C. Butler 8/17/22
Kristi Butler, Chairman