



SPARTA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.

Bienville Parish Courthouse

100 Courthouse Dr.,

Arcadia, La

MINUTES/ MEETING NOTES

CALL TO ORDER: The July 12 meeting of the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District Commission was called to order by Mr. Zack Spivey at 2:00 PM at the Bienville Parish Courthouse in Arcadia, LA, in Bienville Parish. Members present and not present can be found on the attendance list. It was determined that there was a quorum. (Sign-in sheets are available upon request]).

The **Invocation** was given by Mr. Lynn Treadway. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Nick Cox.

Additions to the agenda: Treasurer Jack Clampit moved that Ouachita River Valley Association Membership be added to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Welcome and Comments: Mr. Spivey, welcomed special guests including legislative representatives, agency, and other elected officials.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the April 2017 meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jack Clampit gave the Treasurer's Report. It was moved and seconded that our Contracted Education Coordinator's, Lindsay Gouedy, compensation be deposited via direct deposit on a once monthly basis. After some discussion on the convenience of automatic direct deposit, and what day the transaction would occur, the motion passed unanimously. Motion was made and seconded that Sparta would renew it's membership in the Ouachita River Valley Association for an annual amount of \$200. Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Reports:

Sparta Foundation – Rick Buckner reported on the public presentation of the Sparta Recharge Enhance Project that was held Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Minden Community House. There was a presentation on the current condition of the aquifer along with a three-phase plan to relieve the problems. The main speaker for this meeting was Ben McGee (USGS) followed by additional information on the plan to improve the recharge. Mr. Buckner said a future meeting will be held for the purpose of addressing some misconceptions.

Louisiana Water Resources Commission – Lindsay Gouedy the main focus was HB 689.

Meeting with Capital Area Groundwater Commission – Zach Spivey reported on a meeting held on June 21, 2017 in Ruston between members of the Sparta Groundwater Commission, and Capital Area Groundwater Commission. The meeting was held to strengthen our relationships between the two commissions and to discuss and layout our common objectives and needs. Meeting guest and Louisiana Representatives Rob Shadoin and Gene Reynolds explained HB 689 and how it came to be passed through the legislation and signed by the Governor. They expressed their intentions to help Sparta Groundwater Commission with this and any future legislation. Sam Little encouraged the representatives to "Kill the Bill!" Jack Clampit explained our need for our commission to have more authority. Zach Spivey encouraged the commission to be thinking about the upcoming

officer nominations in October. Barry Huggins and Tony Duplechin from the Capital Ground Water Commission explained their objections with HB 689.

Conservation Educator's Report: Lindsay Gouedy, Conservation Educator, discussed the upcoming events that are on the calendar for 2017. Sparta WaterFest dates are being set and will include two new parishes, Jackson and Winn, fifth grades for 2017. The 7th annual Sparta Shoot Sporting Clay Competition for 2018 will be held on June 2, 2018. \$1250 was received from Jackson Parish.

Ouachita Parish Topics: Jack Clampit explained that 3 water systems in Ouachita Parish maybe moving back to using ground water instead of surface water. It is unclear which aquifer they will pull water from. The estimated water needed would be approximately 2 million gallons per day. Mr. Clampit also explained that Brain eating Amoeba came from surface water and enters in through the nasal passage.

General Business:

Commissioner Appointment letters - Zack Spivey, Rick Buckner, and Charles Hughes term will end in-2017. A replacement or a reappointment letter must be submitted to the Office of Boards and Commission and a copy to Lindsay Gouedy.

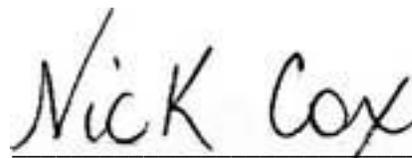
Sparta Recharge Enhancements - Rick Buckner reported on the public presentation of the Sparta Recharge Enhance Project that was held Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Minden Community House. He stated that public support for the project is increasing.

Motion: made that our next meeting would be moved to Thursday October 12, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Lincoln Parish Park L6 Pavilion to coincide with Spartafest. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting October 12, 2017 – Lincoln Parish, LA.

Meeting Adjourned just before 3:25 PM.

Zack Spivey, President.



Nick Cox, Secretary

Note: Associated documents are filed and available upon request.

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Tammy Singleton (Bienville)	Dwaine R. Woodard (Claiborne)	W. Lynn Treadway (Jackson)	Lindsey Vincent (Lincoln)
Hon. Samuel Little (Morehouse)	Jack Clampit (Ouachita)	Jerry Taylor (Union)	Nick Cox (Webster)
Tim I•lowell (Winn)	TBA (Arcadia)	TBA (Homer)	TBA (Jonesboro)
Rick Buclmer (Minden)	Zack Spivey (Ruston)	Terry Emory (W. Monroe)	
Ann Marie Anderson (Agriculture)	Charles Hughes (Wood Products)	Jackie Perritt (Other Industries)	

Ex Officio Members: Dr. Gary Kennedy (La Tech University); Ben McGee (USGS); Gary Hanson (LSUS); Susan Robbins (La Rural Water Assoc.)

*Pending re-appointment or replacement appointment