

**Lake Ouachita  
Citizens Focus Committee**

**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

**DATE:** 14 June 2004

**SUBJECT:** Minutes of the Lake Ouachita Citizens Focus Committee (LOCFC) Meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:15 pm, Jerry Shields' Home, Mike Misch, Acting Chairperson

**Attendees:**

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:**

Richard D. Stokes, Park Manager, Lake Ouachita Field Office  
Titus V. Hardiman, Supervisory Park Ranger, Lake Ouachita Field Office

**Members Present:**

Jerry Shields  
Mike Misch  
Jerry Williams  
Patty Roddenberry  
Joy Pensinger  
Rick Farmer  
Steve Laney  
Al Gathwright  
Dave Doty  
Dan Mobley  
Bill Barnes  
Al Behm

**Announcements:** Resolution #04-01, Arnie Habig due to emergency health condition. Habig requested for exclusion for absence due to serious health condition, Approved unanimously.

**Minutes Review:** Minutes accepted as submitted by Titus.

**Nominations:** Time for Nominations for new chairman and vice chairman. These were to be written down and submitted to Titus for a closed balloting. Doty questioned the use of the closed balloting. Misch explained the procedure. Place name of person in the minutes of the next meeting as submitted by Titus. Doty requested that it be recorded in the minutes for the next meeting.

Patty Roddenberry nominated Arnie Habig to remain as Chairman. Joy Pensinger seconded.

Patty Roddenberry nominated David Doty for Vice Chairman. Jerry Williams seconded.

Misch set the formal elections to be held at the next meeting. July 07, 2004.

**Denby Trail and Hwy 270 Bridge Relocation Project:** Jerry Shields gave briefing of Denby Bay Meeting that was held at the Ouachita Project Office on May 20, 2004. He made a request of the member to review the minutes and approve the minutes of the meeting before they would be sent to the members of the different agencies that were in attendance. Gave a brief summary of proceedings. Shields said that demolition of Bridge had been removed from contract. Also that copies of the designs of the handicapped accessible pier were submitted by the AG&F. Shields emphasized that the AG&F does not see the Denby Relocation Project, including the pier, as a priority for funding at this time.

Shields talked about some of different issues with funding several questions were fielded regarding money and people with positive influence within and outside the commission.

Rick Stokes gave more info on Handshake initiative out of 10 that were selected. Ouachita was 11<sup>th</sup>. If one drops out Lake Ouachita will move into the 10<sup>th</sup> position, if not then the funding will have to wait till next year.

Al Behm made motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2004. Bill Barnes seconded.

### **Subcommittees:**

**Aquatic Weed Progress:** Pensinger informed the members that she is currently working on the draft to send to legislators informing them of the progress LOFO is making in controlling the aquatic weeds.

**Advocacy:** Gathwright told the group that thanks to Howard Wright there had been 7 more local contacts added to the list that brings the count to 90. They have also covered all local counties.

**Public Relations:** Patty Roddenberry-Mark Gregory with Sentinel Record stated that he had not been able to talk to Titus or Rick. Titus stated that he had talked with Gregory the week before concerning the closure of local federal offices during the Ronald Reagan memorial holiday observance.

**Master Plan & EIS:** Williams-no news.

**Watershed Quality Maintenance:** Al Behm-New watershed article has been published in "Watershed Watch." Meeting set for September 9-11, 2004.

**Comments:**

Rick Farmer asked for minutes correction and submitted them to Titus.

Draft letter to Gen. Crear-Doty-motion to pass as subcommittee. Patty-1<sup>st</sup> motion. Steve Laney-2<sup>nd</sup>

Stokes talked about Marine Sanitation Inspections that took place on Ouachita Memorial Day weekend. Barnes and Stokes elaborated on some of the details of the inspections and future plans that will have an impact on concessionaires and the Corps.

All members thanked Jerry and lovely wife Gail for their hospitality and providing such a relaxing environment. Thanks to Al "The Barn Burner" Gathwright for cooking the burgers.

**Adjournment:** 8:10pm