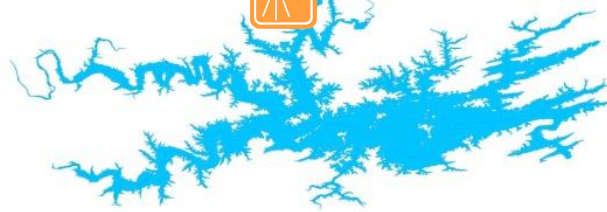


Lake Ouachita Citizens Focus Committee



**1424 Blakely Dam Road
Royal, Arkansas 71968**

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: Lake Ouachita Citizens Focus Committee Minutes

DATE: November 6, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m. by Jerry Shields, Chairman

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

Stacy Sigman, Resource Manager, Lake Ouachita Field Office
Derick Walker, Supervisory Ranger, Lake Ouachita Field Office
Jason Mothershed, Facility Manager, Lake Ouachita Field Office

Members Present:

Tom Butler	Al Gathright	George Dooley
Robert Cavanaugh	Bruce Engstrom	Jerry Williams
Jerry Shields	Jo West Taylor	Howard Wright

Announcements: Next Meeting: There will be no meeting on January 1st due to the New Year's Holiday; January 8th will be the next meeting date.

Minutes: Robert C. moved to approve the minutes, Jo West T. seconded.

Corps of Engineers Report (USACE):

- Stacy S. reported the Tompkins Bend Boat Ramp was near completion. This will expand the Boat Ramp parking by approximately 15 parking spaces. Parking blocks were added to show delineation of the parking spaces. Gravel to be laid down and packed in soon.
- Stacy S. reported ongoing work on the Brady Mountain Wastewater installation.
- Stacy S. reported that Eric Jenkins (former Resource Manager at Lake Greeson) was selected as the new Operation Project Manager for Lake Ouachita, DeGray Lake and Lake Greeson.
- Stacy S. reported we have 5 employees deployed to Puerto Rico on Temporary Roofing and Debris Removal Missions.
- Stacy S. reported he met with Windstream on the Denby Bay Bridge clearing and they were not concerned with their line being impacted.

FOLO Update:

- Jerry S.-Financial Report- \$78,869 in Total Assets.
- Grab-A-Bag updates on installation of stickers. Derick W. showed the group the stickers and will be put out next week.
- Robert C. showed group a “bike repair station kit” he wanted to propose to the group to purchase and place along the trail. Locations possibly at Avery, Crystal Springs by church arbor and Denby Bay by ADA trail. These units cost around \$1,500 each.
- Jerry S. noted there is grant money available for these through Montgomery County Health Advisory Board he would be applying for.

LOViT Update:

- LOViT Traildogs had meeting with USFS/USACE at the Womble Office. Strengthened the relationship of activities and ongoing support. No big issues to note.
- Reconstruction date of the ADA Trail. Set meeting for November 16th at 10 AM to meet USACE and Traildogs at the site to discuss tool needs, disposal of wood and how much we want to tackle.
- Trail Maintenance on the LOViT. The arrows signs installation process is ongoing. IMBA has recently worked the entire trail of any downed trees and repairs to surfaces.
- Bike Fixation Station was discussed in the FOLO Update.

Membership Election:

- The voting was electronically and the new member selected was John Simpson. Motion by Bruce Engstrom and Second by Tom Butler to accept him. Stacy S. will notify him.
- Tom B. asks to resign and wants proposal to add another member. Motion by Bruce E. NO SECOND.

Additional Notes:

- Request by Bruce E. to have the ability to call in for meetings option.
- Philip C. is having bad times from knee replacements.
- Jerry W. has no news from Joplin Bridge test on being conducted.
- Tom B. wants to start fish shelter program on Lake Ouachita like they do on Lake Greeson.
- Tom B. asked about Christmas tree drop off points around lake and if the Corps would do this.

Adjournment: No motions to adjourn. Meeting stopped @ 6:47 P.M.