

Lake Ouachita Citizen Focus Committee



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

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: Lake Ouachita Citizens Focus Committee Minutes

DATE: November 5, 2018

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

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

Derick Walker, Supervisory NRM Ranger

Pamela Herrin, Natural Resource Specialist, Lake Ouachita Field Office

Members Present:

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| Ron Mayfield | George Dooley | Jo West Taylor |
| Jerry Shields | Bruce Engstrom | Alan Atkins |
| Robert Cavanaugh | Richard Stokes | |
| John Simpson | Dan Watson | |

Review of Minutes: Jo mentioned that she motioned the name change to FOLO in the last meeting with Tom's 2nd and the name change vote passed unanimously. Robert C. moved to approve the minutes from October 9th meeting, with Joe's second, with changes above.

Name Change –Name change will be effective in January 2019. FOLO will remain separate from FOLO, Inc.

FOLO Update –

Financial update:

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| Trail Account: | \$ 18,671.00 |
| Miscellaneous; | \$ (-247.00) |
| Reserve-Recreation Improvements: | \$ 63,343.00 |
| Grab-a-bag project | \$ 249.00 |
| Total Assets: | \$ 81,987.00 |

Bruce requested that 509 Form filings be provided for members.

Joe asked if Arnie's money was included in this total since donated funds for Habig's Hunts. \$800 is in a separate account for the Habig's Hunt fund to be used to buy supplies and prizes for the hunts.

Ron Mayfield asked when this account was audited last. Jerry responded by saying it hadn't been done in several years.

LOViT Trial –

- Sigman and Shields are working to update the kiosk displays.
- Trail Dogs may work to install/replace walk-boards on Gap Creek Bridge
- Volunteers removed 60+ downed trees that were on the trail

Hickory Nut Mountain Road Sub-Committee: Montgomery County Judge is in favor of paving the road. He stated the county can chip and seal the road for about \$650,000 (4 miles) USFS Womble Ranger, Shalonda Guy, has returned from maternity leave. A meeting with USFS, LOFO, and the Montgomery County Judge will likely meet in January.

The road is currently in federal inventory which bars it from receiving any kind of state funding. If the county paves it (chip and seal) the road would be turned over to the county.

Bruce is still extremely concerned that this will endanger his ATV trail activities. He also mentioned the vandalism of Hickory Nut Vista and the area's reputation for being a teen hang-out at night. Bruce is still interested in finding out if some motorized trail moneys might be used on this project

Ron asked if this paving contract would be offered thru competitive bid. Jerry believes this is a possibility.

USACE Operational Review: Derick Walker

Lake Markers 1-24 have been installed

Lake Markers 25-32 will arrive this week and installation will begin

Brady Mountain Area 4 and 2 - trees have been removed, culverts installed, sites are being built.

Joplin timber marking has been accomplished. Trees marked from entrance gate to dump station. Renovations will include many pull thru sites.

Boundary survey work has been funded and will begin soon.

Floating comfort station out-grant with the AR Department of Health has been signed.

Joe asked about visitation numbers for the ADA trail comfort station

New Business/Announcements:

Walker mentioned that Sigman wants to buy another cycle repair station with Corps funds for the Avery area. But Shields thinks that location wouldn't be good because it's at the end of the trail rather than in the middle.

Jerry mentioned that Arvest Bank donated Montgomery County Health Advisory Board some money and that the “Board” is considering covering the exercise area at the ADA trail.

Stokes inquired about the division of FOLO into 3 groups (Lake Management, Trail Management and Project Team)

Engstrom asked about water allocation and how he could get that information. Stokes explained this in detail. Walker informed him that all this information was on our website.

George motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Bruce.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7 P.M.