

Lake Ouachita Citizen Focus Committee



**1424 Blakely Dam Road
Royal, Arkansas 71964**

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: Lake Ouachita Citizens Focus Committee Minutes

DATE: May 05, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m. by Robert Cavanaugh

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

Stacy Sigman, Resource Manager, Lake Ouachita Field Office

Pamela Herrin, Natural Resource Specialist, Lake Ouachita Field Office

Members Present:

Jo West Taylor	Al Gathright	
Phillip Carr	Bill Barnes	
Robert Cavanaugh	Howard Wright	
George Dooley		

Review of Minutes: Robert C. moved to approve minutes, Jo W. seconded, minutes approved.

Grab-A-Bag Program Update: Bill Barnes reported that issues regarding installation of the canisters and refill bags had been worked out. Barnes stated the D. Walker had provided canisters and bags to interested parties scattered around Lake Ouachita.

FOLO Financial Update: Al Gathright provided a Financial Summary for FOLO ending April 30, 2018. See chart below:

ITEM	AMOUNT
Cash – Trail Account	\$13,903.00
Cash - Miscellaneous	(\$247.00)
Cash – Recreation Area Improvements	\$63,400.00
Grab-a-bag	\$500.00
TOTOAL	77,556.00

GRANTS	
Montgomery County Health Grant	\$1,000.00
LOViT Bridge (True Value 11/07/17)	\$966.95
Remaining Balance	433.05
DONATIONS	
Benton Gun Club 09/18/17	\$1,000.00
Veteran Hunt Prizes 11/15/17	\$144.47
Veteran Squirrel Hunt (Smoking in Style) 1/22/18	\$250.00
Veteran Hunt Prized 1/22/18	\$200.00
Remaining Balance	\$405.53

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Grant is a cost reimbursement grant and FOLO has spent approximately \$4-5,000.00 of that the funding.

Jerry Shields purchased extra materials for possible bridge construction in the future.

Trail Map Advertising Update: Jerry took care of this. Its lists all new and current advertising at \$365.00 to sponsor. The maps have been ordered but he hasn't returned the call. Bill Barnes asked how many maps were printed but we don't have an answer on this yet.

LOViT Trail:

Watchable Wildlife: Al shared the Watchable Wildlife Elevated Walkway was completed in April with lots of volunteers which ended in a celebratory fish fry

Stacy Sigman reported that the CFC had earned a spot on the Corps' Ticker Tape which can be viewed all over the District.

Al Gathright personally thanks Corps of Engineers for storing material and loaning tools for the project. He then asked if the large rocks could be moved back in place to prevent vehicle traffic.

Trail Bridge Project for Iron's Creek: Al Gathright met with USFS (D. Younger, Tom Ledbetter, and Shane Scott) to discuss the possibility of a bridge. Al and Jerry Shields measured and determined the length of the bridge would have to be at least 31' long. Tom Ledbetter of the Forest Service a bridge that long would require a formal design. Now there is consideration to cross Irons Creek at a different location. Nothing was resolved regarding this section of the trail. The trail may be re-routed to avoid some erosion issues that are occurring in an area.

Hickory Nut Mountain Road Sub-Committee – discussion tabled because there are no updates.

Meeting USACE Operational Review:

Ebone Point – Walker and Bailey will be cleaning the area up with a local Boy Scout Troop.

Stephens Park – is nearly complete. The only thing left to do is a little work on a lift station. The campground will be first come first serve. The newly renovated campground should open later this week.

Brady – Sigman stated that the Corps may be purchasing a new water plant for Brady this week

Tompkins Day Use Bathroom – Is still a goal the Corps is working toward

Little Fir – A 4 Stall Shower building should be installed mid-July. Site prep discussions are underway now.

Arnie Habig Award – Sigman informed the group that the Corps could not purchase the frame for Arnie's award – June 27 @ Smokin' in Style for Arnie's award – time has not been set yet.

Brady Plant – Bill Barnes asked about specifics regarding the plant at which point Sigman answered by informing the group that the new water plant would produce 30,000 gallons per day and costs \$145,000.

Plans this summer: Shingle roofs of kiosks, minor work in pavilions, and work on moisture issues in the comfort stations.

Board Member Update – Sigman stated that the position requesting more board members has been advertised but no resumes have been received.

Watchable Wildlife Trail – wildflowers have been planted.

No New Business – next meeting is set for **June 04**

adjourned @ 6:45P.M.