

Friends of Lake Ouachita



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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: Friends of Lake Ouachita Committee Minutes

DATE: September 9th, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 5:59 p.m. by Robert Cavanaugh

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

Stacy Sigman, Natural Resources Manager, Lake Ouachita Field Office

Derick Walker, Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, Lake Ouachita Field Office

Josi Tyler, Park Ranger, Lake Ouachita Field Office

Members Present:

Alan Atkins	Robert Cavanaugh	Ron Mayfield
Bill Barnes	George Dooley	John Simpson
Tom Butler	Bruce Engstrom	Jo West Taylor
Phillip Carr	Al Gathright	Dan Watson

Review of Minutes: Robert C. moved to approve minutes from the August 5 meeting, Jo W. seconded, Minutes approved as written.

2019 Lake Cleanup: Flyer was presented with the Dates of October 5th and rain out date on October 12th. Jo W. has contacted the Keep America Beautiful and the Keep Arkansas Beautiful groups. Also, a Liz Philpot is going to donate 50 volunteer t-shirts, trash bags, gloves and safety vest for the event. She has informed the ones that could not be there on those dates need to register anyways, so they can still get their shirts for the cleanup. There is going to be a press release with the three papers and maybe at Mena as well. We are going to try to have the local colleges to come and assist with the cleanup. The press release is free of charge. The other source of informing the public will be posting the cleanup event on Facebook. The Rangers will provide a list of the areas with a map location. There is still in need of water for the event. Signs will be provided for the event. ATV's or off-road vehicles are highly not recommended on the project lands during this event. If anyone has grabber's for the event, are asked to bring them. The Lake Ouachita Rangers will provide safety vests. Items that are too large for one to handle will need to take a picture and add the grid coordinates of the location for the Rangers to go retrieve the items found.

Grab-A-Bag: Tom B. shared that we have two signs to put up at the floating restrooms. They will be installing them. Tom B. did ask for some bags from the Lake Ouachita Rangers to get them started. Tom B. also mention that he is wanting to get donations to help keep this program up on the floating restrooms.

Hickory Nut Mountain: Jerry S. will report when he returns to next meeting.

LOViT:

Bike Repair Stations: Stacy S. shared that there has not been any installations for the bike racks. Locations desired for the repair station by Phillip C. are the Harbor church (Crystal Springs) and Avery Park (Day Use). There has been removal of trees from the trail. The uses of the trails are reporting the issues by the Facebook page. Phillip C. also mention that the LOViT marathon will be on the 6th of December 2019.

USACE Operational Review: Stacy S. shared that Derick W. and himself had set up contractor to underbrush/mulch Cedar Fourche Recreation Area. The Crystal Springs Courtesy Dock scope of work for repairs will be sent to RBS by the 1st of October. The Tompkins Bend Day Use Area new bathroom is on its way and will be here by the 30th of September. Stacy S. also stated that the new Commander came and visit last week, Col. Hilliard. Stacy S. has budgeted for FY20 boundary survey work. The survey will be from the Lake Ouachita State Park to Irons Fork Recreation Area. The Brady Mountain Recreation Area paving will begin soon. City of Hot Springs Raw Water Intake started the initial rock test boring this past Saturday. Stacy S. wants to tear down the old bathroom at Little Fir and replace with a new CTX. The cost will be a lot cheaper. The Rangers will be doing the frame work in Joplin and Brady campgrounds. Medical Marijuana is not legal on federal project lands and that a district policy is being developed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 P.M.