

Lake Ouachita Citizen Focus Committee



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

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: Lake Ouachita Citizens Focus Committee Minutes

DATE: September 10, 2018

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

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

Stacy Sigman, Lake Resource Manager

Derick Walker, Supervisory Ranger, Lake Ouachita Field Office

Pamela Herrin, Natural Resource Specialist, Lake Ouachita Field Office

Members Present:

Ron Mayfield	George Dooley	John Simpson
Bill Barnes	Bruce Engstrom	Jo West Taylor
Robert Cavanaugh	Al Gathright	Dan Watson
Phillip Carr	Jerry Shields	Rick Stokes

Review of Minutes:

Moment of Remembrance for Arnie Habig: CFC is collecting donations for a proposed memoriam. These moneys will likely benefit Wounded Veteran Hunts because Arnie enjoyed them so much. Jo West Taylor makes motion to approve memoriam plans, Barnes 2nds the motion.

Review of Minutes: Robert C. moved to approve the minutes from August 6th meeting, John S. second, minutes approved.

Board Member Replacement: R. Stokes updated that there are two individuals being considered however, he was unable to locate any contact information for either.

Blue and you Grant: Phillip C. stated the bike station has been installed at Tompkins Bend Day-use trail head. Thanks to Montgomery County Health Unit Advisory Board for grant

moneys. Plans are to re-apply next year for another bike station that will likely be placed near the church arbor at Crystal Springs.

Water Bottle Refill Stations: Jerry shared a picture of the proposed water bottle refill station that can be attached to the ADA trail head kiosk restroom (exterior wall). Stacy stated the Corps will purchase a frost-proof refill station and install it at this location. Jerry shared the goal of the refill station is to reduce the plastic bottle usage on the trail.

Jerry shared a note from a trail user who enjoyed their visit to the LOViT and gave a \$50 donation.

Twin Creeks Boat Launch Ramp Upgrade: Jerry S. asked if a courtesy dock could be installed at the Twin Creek Ramp. He was informed by Sigman that the ramp is under licensed management of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. Then the question was asked if we could possibly anchor the dock to the existing concrete foundation of the handicap accessible chair lift. Again, Sigman informed the group that the Game and Fish Commission will have to approve and appurtenances to existing ramp features. Without any objections Jerry will pursue more information and bring it to vote at a later date.

LOViT: Robert and Ron (along with TX Conservation Corp and Ameri-Corp Kid) have completed some trimming maintenance along the trail. The Kiosk is in need of updating. Maps in the kiosk are very faded. The exercise area has been rehabilitated with landscape timbers and gravel. This equipment was made possible by a grant from Montgomery County Health Advisory Board and CFC may consider applying for another grant to cover the entire exercise area in an effort to protect the equipment from the elements. Without any objections Jerry Sheilds will look into these options for a vote later. Grass cutting is still an issue around the trail. Volunteers may trim the grass along the asphalted portion of the trail. Replacement of the Gap Creek Bridges: there was extensive discussion concerning the type of wood purchased for replacement, Sigman has purchased/ordered the boards. There was also discussion on how to best preserve these new boards to extend durability.

Hickory Nut Mountain Road Sub-Committee: The sub-committee has not yet met with all parties that would need to be included. The meeting will likely be at the Supervisor's Office of the USFS downtown. The Montgomery County Judge is interested and willing to work though issues in order for all to be on the same page. There was lengthy discussion lead by Bruce Engstrom regarding funding and grants available for such work providing that the requests mention something regarding motorized trails and so forth.

USACE Operational Review: Stacy Sigman

GPC limits have been raised from 3K to 5K on supplies.

Brady Mountain water treatment plant was ordered. Expected to arrive late spring.

Brady Mountain Area 4 and 2 will be renovated this winter. 3 sites will be moved to area 4, all tables, grills and appurtenances have been ordered.

Approximately 60 navigation buoys were ordered at the end of the FY.

TB- Underbrushing was conducted in Area 4 along the shoreline.

TB-Bike repair rack was installed.

Denby ADA- boarder was placed, gravel leveled and the area around the rock sign was addressed.

Fish Cleaning Stations- The shingle roofs will be replaced with green metal roofing.

Reported 16 island markers would be replaced in Sep/Oct.

Safety Signs around the project will be replaced as needed.

LF Shower building has been installed.

New Business/Announcements: Jerry S. introduced new member Ron Mayfield. No other new business.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.