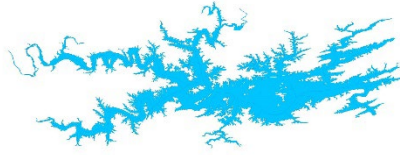


# Friends of Lake Ouachita



1424 Blakely Dam Road  
Royal, AR 71968

**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:** Friends of Lake Ouachita Committee Minutes

**DATE:** June 5th, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00 PM by Jerry Shields

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:**

Matt Mitchell, Facility Manager, Lake Ouachita Field Office  
Derick Walker, Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, Lake Ouachita Field Office  
Stacy Sigman, Natural Resources Manager, Lake Ouachita Field Office

**Members Present:**

Jerry Williams	Ron Mayfield	Jo West Taylor
Jerry Shields	Bill Pell	Dan Watson
George Dooley	Rob Sanders	David Shields
Al Gathright	Jerry Shields	Tom Butler

**Approval of May 2023 Meeting Minutes:** Bill P. moved to approve the May 1<sup>st</sup> minutes; J. W. Taylor seconded. Minutes approved as written.

**ADA Walkway Reconstruction:** T. Butler provided a review of the Bids Summary over the computer. It was displayed on the big screens for all to see. Pointed out that Steep Creek Construction was low bid for \$455,291. T. Butler sent all pertinent files he is showing to members of the committee. J. Shields submitted FLAP & National Recreation Trail Grants-Federal Lands Access Program. He stated could know by AUG 2023 if FOLO will receive grant. T. Butler asked committee for everyone to put together list of questions for contractors to expound on the gathered bids. One question he said was, “What is the material lead time”? He showed the file of ADA Bid Docs which was a compilation of all documents from sources given and received from members. Another question from R. Mayfield was, “What is latest date we

can turn on contractor to start”. Another mention was to check on sales tax exempt. J. Shields noted we may need to reach out to other donors, because FOLO only has \$110,000 in the account. B. Pell asked if there was a plan to thank all bidders for their bid and provide feedback to them on timeframe whether we receive the grant. A. Gathright was asked to reach out to Gary Vernon from Wal-Mart for possible assistance. S. Sigman asked J. Shields to gather hardware list and costs to see if USACE could purchase if funds become available. J. Shields stated he was figuring numbers for in-kind labor for tearing down remainder of structure to write into the grant.

**Parks & Tourism Grant Application:**

J. Shields said he is still working with Montgomery County & Tourism for grant. J. Shields stated he received an inquiry from Senator on the Hickory Nut Mountain project.

**SEP 2023 Lake Cleanup Update:** J. W. Taylor stated the dates for the cleanup are OCT 7 & a rain out date of OCT 14. Working to get Caddo Hills school to come during the week prior like in 2022. Also, she is working to get Mt. Ida High School involved and figuring up plan. S. Sigman noted to group that we didn’t need to get too many prior to cleanup as it would be hard to spread the kids out enough and make it back to school within a certain timeframe. D. Walker said he would be getting maps of areas to clean together as time allows.

**FOLO Committee Replacement Candidates:** Several candidates have expressed interest in joining FOLO: Richard Abernathy

**USACE Initiatives Update:** Not Covered.

**No Meeting in JULY.**

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM