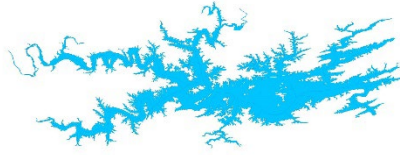


Friends of Lake Ouachita



1424 Blakely Dam Road
Royal, AR 71968

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: Friends of Lake Ouachita Committee Minutes

DATE: March 7, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM by Jerry Shields

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

Stacy Sigman, Resource Manager, Lake Ouachita Field Office

Joshua Tyler, Natural Resource Specialist, Lake Ouachita Field Office

U.S. Forest Service

Amanda Gee,

Jake Raines

Members Present:

Alan Atkins	Al Gathright	John Simpson
Tom Butler	Ron Mayfield	Jo West Taylor
Robert Cavanaugh	Bill Pell	Dan Watson
George Dooley	Jerry Shields	Phillip Carr
Jerry Williams	Shane Scott	

Review of Minutes: Minutes approved as written.

Announcements: Jerry Shields announced the renewal of the Walton Foundation LOViT Maintenance contract

2022 Lake Ouachita Shoreline and Trash Clean-up: Jo W. passed out information flyers of this year's annual shoreline clean up on Lake Ouachita. The cleanup will be on Saturday, September 17, 2022. This will be hosted out of the Brady Mountain Game and Fish Ramp.

Tree Restoration Program: Tree Committee Shane Scott, Alan Atkins, John Simpson and Bill Pell met with Joe Bailey to review tree planting sites and species. The areas that were discussed was the ADA trail near Tompkins Bend area and the Twin Creek Day-Use Area. Stacy Sigman informed the group that the Twin Creek area is a highly sensitive archaeological site and digging will not be permitted in the area for tree planting.

A motion was passed to focus on the ADA Trail for tree planting before June. Next step will be determining the next area or areas to focus on for tree planting. Stacy and Joe will revisit the tree species to be used. Area of concern for the ADA trail is quail habitat restoration and the specific trees to be planted. Consult with USACE Biologist Dustin Thompson about quail habitat.

Trail Enhancement Program:

The Walton Family Foundation renewed their annual \$5,000 grant to FOLO(LOViT Traildogs) to help maintain the trail.

Likewise, FoOT had their \$10,000 annual grant renewed.

Jerry is proposing to use the grant to develop interpretive signs for the trail.

USFS Womble District Ranger Amanda Gee will submit the developed signage for review.

ADA Boardwalk discussion about repair and possible replacement options.

Alan Atkins, George Dooley and Tom Butler will assist Jerry with a list and cost of bridge building materials recently used in the Hot Springs trail system.

LOViT 100-mile Race Overview: Phillip Carr said the race last weekend was successful. The winner finished in 19 hours! Some finished in 30 hours. It was cold that weekend with an 11-degree windchill. No injuries reported. They gave the group praise for cleaning up the flagging from the trail after the race.

Guest Speaker for 2022: USFS Recreation Overview: Jake Raines introduced himself as the new recreation zone manager for the Womble District. He gave a brief overview of his upcoming plans and looks forward to working with the group. Told the group a little about the upcoming plans for the Albert Pike recreation area and how it will be a Day-Use area only.

USACE Initiatives: Joshua Tyler discussed the progress on the Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership Grant proposal. The proposal was delayed a year to develop the plan more and get more partners involved. The focus will be adding structure to the lake through natural and artificial means.

Stacy Sigman told the group about current fish habitat improvement projects. Like the Cedar Fourche glade restoration and cedar tree removal. The cut cedar trees will be utilized as fish structure brush piles.

Due outs: Jerry proposed for the Monday May 9th meeting that they have a cookout at Tompkins Bend pavilion to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the LOCFC. Details to follow. Motion passed.

USFS Glade Restoration Project presentation is scheduled for the April 4, 2022 FOLO meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.