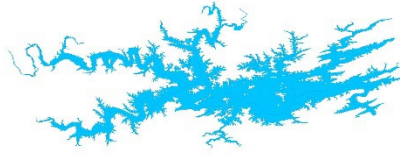


# Friends of Lake Ouachita



1424 Blakely Dam Road  
Royal, AR 71968

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

**DATE:** May 01, 2023

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

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

Matt Mitchell, Facility Manager, Lake Ouachita Field Office  
Pamela Herrin, Natural Resource Specialist, Lake Ouachita Field Office  
Joe Bailey, Natural Resource Specialist, Lake Ouachita Field Office

**Members Present:**

Jerry Williams	Ron Mayfield	Jo West Taylor
Robert Cavanaugh	Bill Pell	Dan Watson
George Dooley	Shane Scott	Rob Sanders
Al Gathright	Jerry Shields	

**Approval of April 2023 Meeting Minutes:** Robert C. moved to approve the April 3rd minutes; Mayfield seconded. Minutes approved as written.

**ADA Walkway Contractor Bid Status:** Grant Sub-committee met and discussed grants to pursue. Several grants are on the table: ARDOT grant, AROOR (AR Office of Outdoor Recreation), and Walton Foundation. Westerman/Boseman’s office will issue a letter of support if needed. Also, a GO FUND ME account has been established to collect donations. Robert discussed that this year’s grant proposals are all online and comes with common online issues such as not being to save progress on submissions. All grants are cost sharing grants and will require FOLO funding to complete. George D. asked how much money FOLO had in the bank to which Mayfield responded with less than \$110,000. Robert will need an accurate count / inventory for hardware by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Per Mayfield, at least 20% of our contribution can be “in

kind” labor and this looks good on grant applications. Then there were discussions of what examples of “in kind” labor can include. Butler informed the group that ad’s for bids would run for Sunday and run for 3 weeks.

**2023 Lake Cleanup Dates and Areas of Focus:**

Jo W. advised the group that the cleanup is set for October 7<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of October 14<sup>th</sup>. Area schools have been notified.

**ADA Thistle Weed Eradication-** Gathright and Shields indicated that the Extension Service recommended that the thistle be cut down, sprayed with herbicide, early in the season.

**USACE Initiatives Update:** Matt Mitchell update included reference to parking lot work to fix drainage issues at the ADA trail. Mitchell indicated that material was removed then replaced with large gravel and backfilled with smaller gravel to correct the issue.

**FOLO Committee Replacement Candidates:** Several candidates have expressed interest in joining FOLO: Richard Abernathy, Wayne and Helen Ball and Sammy Jones.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM