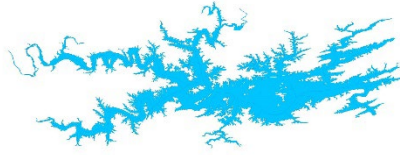


# Friends of Lake Ouachita



1424 Blakely Dam Road  
Royal, AR 71968

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

**DATE:** November 6, 2023

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

Pamela Herrin, Natural Resource Specialist, Lake Ouachita Field Office  
Matt Mitchell, Facility Manager, Lake Ouachita Field Office  
Stacy Sigman, Resource Manager, Lake Ouachita Field Office

**Members Present:**

George Dooly	Al Gathright	Dan Watson
Jerry Williams	Ron Mayfield	
Jerry Shields	Bill Pell	
Robert Cavanaugh	Shane Scott	

**Approval of September 2023 Meeting Minutes:** Shane S. moved to approve the September minutes; Robert C. seconded. Minutes approved as written.

**October 2023 Lake Cleanup and Student Day:** Jo W. was absent, however, the group felt maps made the clean-up more efficient. Ron M. mentioned the number of tires collected and thoughts of expanding the clean-up to the north side and east end next year. Shane S. stated that the Master Naturalist assisted the state park with the east end this year.

**ARDOT Grant Update:** Robert C. stated news that FOLO should receive this grant around the first of the year. The materials supplier meeting was postponed. Robert briefly mentioned the NRT grant which is a 80/20 match grant.

There was a brief discussion stating that some FOLO funds had been invested in CD's and they are looking into more investing options with higher returns. Jerry Stated that he had received a check for \$3000 for the eagle nest partnership project and that materials is expected to cost around \$2,700. Sigman stated that Entergy would deliver and set poles and that pathways to access the poles have been established. There was a brief discussion about cameras being set for viewing nest activity.

**New Membership Candidates:**

Committee asked if Stacy S. could provide the information to FOLO on the applicants. FOLO is still short a member. Ron M. favors Bart Hanners, Shane S. favors Kristie Dodd, and Al G. favors Greg Rae. Jerry S. stated that we either need to get a new member or change the by-laws of the group. He also stated that FOLO needed to be considering who will take his place.

**USACE Update:** Stacy S. updated FOLO on Joplin timber marking progress, plans to replace the primary and redo pedestals to 50amp. USACE is looking to do away with needing a permit for wastewater discharge at Little Fir. This will be accomplished by installing a leach field. Sigman expects the eagle nest installation to occur around the first of December. USACE has received funds to make repairs to hale damaged roofs. Sigman then mentioned plans to put Little Fir on a well rather than intake.

Jerry S. shared the next FOLO meeting will be held January 8<sup>th</sup>.

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