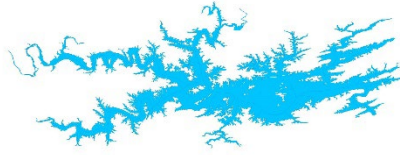


# Friends of Lake Ouachita



1424 Blakely Dam Road  
Royal, AR 71968

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

**DATE:** Nov 07, 2022

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

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

Stacy Sigman, Lake Resource Manager, Lake Ouachita Field Office

Jon Munz, Natural Resource Specialist, Lake Ouachita Field Office

Gunner Gilbert, Park Ranger, Lake Ouachita Field Office

**Members Present:**

Tom Butler	Bill Pell	Dan Watson
Shane Scott	Bill Barnes	John Simpson
Robert Cavanaugh	Shane Scott	Jerry Williams
Al Gathright	Jerry Shields	George Dooly
Ron Mayfield	Jo West Taylor	Wayne Ball

**Announcements:**

**Minutes:** October minutes were reviewed and approved.

**2023 Cleanup Strategy:** A General Public day and a Student day were discussed by R. Cavanagh and G. Dooly 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion approved. A cleanup day for the spring was briefly discussed but no action was taken.

### **ADA Elevated Walkway:**

Demolition Status: Completed by the Montgomery County

- Send Jerry provided pictures of the demolition process

Potential Replacement Plans: (Several to choose from)

- Jerry opens the floor for discussion:
  - Jerry- curious to whether or not spending treasury money on this would be a good idea- **(WAS THERE A MOTION MADE?)**
  - Look into using the individual who built the North Woods Trail (Builder: Gerado)
  - T. Butler- possibly use university programs such as; UofA, SAU, UALR, etc
  - B. Barnes suggests utilizing an accredited team of engineers
  - Need to branch out and gather bids on the project; try to look for packaged deals with everything all in one bid
  - Do it ourselves: Would still need materials supplier and probably Contractor
    - Galvanized Steel
    - Steel Piping
    - Aluminum framing (Jerry wanted to research option further)
    - Concrete
  - Elmer Provided pricing table (expensive)
  - Could possibly negotiate pricing to reduce costs
  - Materials should probably be able to withstand fire
  - Jerry suggests shortening the trail
  - Stacy states possible if it follows the same path of the previous trail which would allow for a categorical exclusion.
  - I suggested using traffic counter #'s to get idea of how many use the trail

Potential Grant funding for Replacement

- Jerry talked to AG&FC
- Al and Jerry talked to AR State Park &Rec Foundation
- Jerry suggested talking to the Walton Foundation
- Jerry suggested maybe talking to the National Park groups
- B. Barnes suggests the Rec Dept. (currently just received 15 mil for spending)

- B. Barnes suggests the Ross Foundation

**New LOViT Maintenance Update: ( Al Gathright, Robert Cavanaugh, Ron Mayfield)**

- Discussed funding options (many were intertwined with funding options for the new ADA trail)
- Suggestions to contract it out
- Bid to maintenance the LOViT for \$15,000 (300-350\$ per mile)
  - Contractor has completed all of Womble and a 7-mile section of the Ouachita Trail

**USACE Initiatives Overview: Off-Season Recreation Area Projects:**

- Discussed more funding opportunities
- Sunken Boat Update given
- Stacy provides updates on the Brady Mtn water tank project
- Stacy provides updates on the replacement of the Joplin Recreation Area Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Stacey gives grant funding check to Jerry for \$2000 for installation for fish habitat project
- Discuss the ADA White-tailed Deer hunt
- B. Barnes notifies the meeting that he has a new Event Coordinator ( Mekenna Scott)