

BISTINEAU TASK FORCE

March 19, 2015 Minutes

At 10:15, the meeting was called to order on the 2nd floor of the Webster Parish Courthouse. The Chairman welcomed all attendees.

The opening Prayer was provided by Bob Brotherton; Rick Yager led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present : Steve Ramsey, Webster Parish; Bob Brotherton, Bossier Parish; Pete Camp- At large; Rick Yager, Webster Parish; Glenn Benton, Bossier Parish; Bill Conly, Bienville Parish; and Billy Montgomery, Chairman.

Absent : Jim Bonsall, Webster Parish; Elmore Morris, Bossier Parish; Tony Lawson, Bienville Parish; Greg Wilson, Bienville Parish;

Special Assistants: Ellzey Simmons, CEO-Trailblazer Resource Conservation & Development

The minutes from January 15th were noted as being posted online @ www.Trailblazer.org/btf . The minutes were approved.

During opening comments, the chairman acknowledged the recent passing of Mr. Charlie Walker. BTF members were given opportunity to honor Mr. Charlie with a few brief comments. He was recognized for his love for his family, for Webster Parish and for Lake Bistineau. Charlie Walker's attendance record since the beginning of the BTF was 20/22 or 91%.

Special Guest Mike Wood, Director of Inland Fisheries- LDWF was recognized by the Chairman. Mr. Wood's excellent presentation included a summary of the history of Lake Bistineau and efforts to control GS. He emphasized that this is a very unique battle that has been ongoing since GS was discovered in Bistineau in 2006.

Next, State Rep. Gene Reynolds discussed plans for new legislation to direct oil and gas royalty money (max. \$300,000) from state property at Lake Bistineau to the LDWF. The legislation would be written to expire after three years. Stakeholders were encouraged to get involved now in contacting all legislators statewide to encourage the approval of this bill.

Jeff Sibley was recognized by the chairman to present a report on the status of the lake. In summary, the lake is at flood stage due to the large watershed area and recent high rainfall. GS acreage is too difficult to count at this point.

Next, questions from the audience (including those emailed) were presented to the special guests.. This was comprehensive Q&A session to help the public understand the issues.

In conclusion, appreciation was expressed to Mike Wood and Gene Reynolds for their participation in this meeting.

There being no further business to bring before the BTF, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted

PE Simmons, Trailblazer RC&D