

BISTINEAU TASK FORCE

May 21, 2015 Minutes

At 10:00, the 2nd BTF meeting of 2015 was called to order on the 2nd floor of the Webster Parish Courthouse. Steve Ramsey presided in the absence of the Chairman.

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; David Lowe & Rick Yager, Webster Parish; Glenn Benton, Bossier Parish;

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

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

The minutes from March 19th were included in the handouts. No comments were provided. The minutes were approved.

Steve Lemons, District 7 Webster Parish Police Juror, was welcomed as a new BTF member.

Rep. Reynolds pending legislation was discussed. It has passed through the House and pending approval by the Senate Finance Committee.

LDWF Biologist Jeff Sibley presented a report on the status of the lake. In summary, the lake is about where we were last year; water levels are very high. LDWF does not have any estimates of the GS acreage. It was noted that the GS is beginning to mat up and grow fast. LDWF is in a 30 day spray contract and a flyover is scheduled for June. The weevil sampling done so far by LSU and LDWF have not identified any surviving weevils. More public meetings are planned.

Next, Dr. Shiyou Li, Research professor with Stephen F. Austin State University presented a report on research conducted to develop chemical controls of Giant Salvinia. GS can grow underwater. Compounds have been discovered that seem to control certain types of pancreatic cancers.

Next, a time for Q&A from the audience and BTF members was included.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at about 11:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted

PE Simmons, Trailblazer RC&D