

Minutes
BISTINEAU TASK FORCE
July 23, 2015

At 10:00, the 4th BTF meeting of 2015 was called to order on the 2nd floor of the Webster Parish Courthouse.

The opening Prayer was provided by Glenn Benton and Pete Camp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present : Steve Ramsey & Steve Lemmons, Webster Parish; Pete Camp- At large; David Lowe & Rick Yager, Webster Parish; Glenn Benton, Bossier Parish; Greg Wilson, Bienville Parish; Bill Conly, Bienville Parish **Absent :** Bob Brotherton, Bossier Parish; Elmore Morris, Bossier Parish; Tony Lawson, Bienville Parish; and Jim Bonsall, Webster Parish.

Special Assistance was provided by Ellzey Simmons, CEO-Trailblazer Resource Conservation & Development

The minutes from May 21 were included in the handouts and posted on the web site. No changes were offered. The minutes were approved.

The Chairman welcomed Steve Lemmons, District 7 Webster Parish Police Juror, as new BTF member.

LDWF Biologist Jeff Sibley presented a report on the status of the lake. In summary, GS is covering about 1700 acres and a drawdown has been announced for August 3rd. Additional public meetings are planned in the coming months. Mr. Randy Meyers (Baton Rouge) and other LDWF staff members in attendance were also recognized.

Pete Camp presented a report on the recent weevil release that was conducted on Lake Bistineau and also on nearby private land. Private funds and volunteer labor was used in these efforts to establish weevil colonies that will survive in our area. Credits were given to the Red River Waterway Commission for their generous donation of weevils, Jeff Sibley for his support, Steve Ramsey helping to locate release sites, Mr. Don Tharpe (landowner), and to the team of Volunteers who did the work. A news release was distributed during the meeting.

Weldon Thomas was recognized for his work to help get information out regarding BTF and Lake Bistineau activities.

Next, a time for Questions from the audience and BTF members was included.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at about 11:25 am.

Respectfully Submitted

PE Simmons, Trailblazer RC&D