

MINUTES OF THE BISTINEAU TASK FORCE  
May 16, 2013 - 10:15A.M.  
Webster Parish Police Jury  
410 Main Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor- Minden, Louisiana

ATTENDING: Billy W. Montgomery, Bossier PJ-Chairman; Jim Bonsall, Webster PJ; Charles Walker, Webster PJ; Steve Ramsey, Webster PJ; Glenn Benton, Bossier PJ; Bob Brotherton, Bossier PJ; Greg Wilson, Bienville PJ; Don Moore, Bienville PJ; David Lowe, Dorcheat SWCD.; Rick Yager, Dorcheat SWCD.; Elmore Morris, Bodcau SWCD.; Bill Conley, Saline SWCD; and Pete Camp, At Large.

ABSENT: Tony Lawson, Bienville PJ; Shannon Mendenhall, Bodcau SWCD;

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS: Ronda Carnahan, Webster PJ; Evan Thames, LDWF; Olivia Ward, Trailblazer and Ellzey Simmons, Trailblazer.

Chairman, Billy W. Montgomery called the meeting to order. Elmore Morris opened the meeting with Prayer and David Lowe led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Simmons called roll of the Committee Members.

Chairman, Billy Montgomery gave opening comments to begin the Bistineau Task Force Meeting. The agenda was reviewed and adopted.

The minutes of the March meeting was presented for review. Glenn Benton moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jim Bonsall seconded. There being no objection, the minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

- Olivia Ward presented information on the importance of “Watersheds”.
- Next, Bob Brotherton gave a presentation on the “Mechanical Harvester”.

Regarding Key Informant Interviews, E. Simmons presented a report from a focus group meeting (May 7, 2013) for the purpose of developing a BTF Vision Plan for 2013 -2014. Participating in the plan development were Bob Brotherton, Glenn Benton, Bill Altimus, Charlie Walker, Jim Bonsall, Steve Ramsey and Pete Camp. Chairman Montgomery announced the Vision Plan as approved by the BTF.

Bill Altimus gave a “photo report” on a trip (May 3, 2013) to Karnack Texas to see the work with “weevils” being conducted by Texas A&M. Participating in this trip were Billy Montgomery and E. Simmons. The BTF will encourage the development of the salvinia weevil as an important tool in the battle against giant salvinia.

Next, Evan Thames, LDWF, noted that that the agency has developed an official report on the “mechanical harvester” which is available upon request. Next, he gave a report on the lake. The lake is currently at pool stage and a future drawdown is being discussed for around July 15th. This date is not official but is under consideration. Also, there is an estimated 1,500 acres of Salvinia coverage on the lake.

Chairman Billy Montgomery gave a brief update on the newly filed legislation by Representative Gene Reynolds on behalf of Lake Bistineau.

The next BTF meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2013. Minutes for this meeting will be posted online as soon as possible and can be found at [www.trailblazer.org](http://www.trailblazer.org)

Mr. Ellzey Simmons reminded the group of the need to develop plans for what the BTF will accomplish in 2013.

There being no further business, Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Jim Bonsall to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronda Carnahan, Secretary