

## MINUTES OF THE BISTINEAU TASK FORCE

September 19, 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; Glenn Benton, Bossier PJ; Bill Altimus, Bossier PJ; David Lowe, Dorcheat SWCD.; Rick Yager, Dorcheat SWCD; Elmore Morris, Bodcau SWCD.; Shannon Mendenhall, Bodcau SWCD; Bill Conley, Saline SWCD; and Pete Camp, at large.

Others present : James Seales, LA WF; Olivia Ward, Trailblazer RC&D, and Ellzey Simmons, Trailblazer RC&D,

Chairman, Billy W. Montgomery called the meeting to order. Elmore Morris opened the meeting with Prayer and Jim Bonsall 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 with no changes.

The minutes of the July 25<sup>th</sup> BTF Meeting were presented for review, there being no amendments to the minutes, Mr. Charles Walker moved, seconded by Mr. Jim Bonsall to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Steve Ramsey reported on the development of a new Trailblazer committee to promote the concept of the Salvinia Weevils. Committee members were announced: Bob Brotherton, Gary Horton, Pete Camp, Robert Dean, and Steve Ramsey. A summary of committee activities in August and September was provided. Bob Brotherton discussed the search for property. Pete Camp discussed the history of weevil use around the world. With funding the project could be growing weevils and placing them in the lake next summer. The goal of the project would be to mass produce weevils for control of GS with a focus upon Lake Bistineau.

Next, the chairman asked if any word had been received on the NFWF grant. Mr. Ellzey Simmons, Trailblazer, reported that the grant if approved will provide funding for technical assistance in support of war on giant salvinia.

The upcoming public meeting at Doyline school was discussed.

James Seales representing the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries gave a report on the status of the drawdown and the spray program in Lake Bistineau.

- As of September 5<sup>th</sup> 850 acres of Salvinia; contractors are spraying.
- The gates are scheduled to be closed on November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The last batch of weevils were stocked in June.

There being no further business to bring before the Task Force, Mr. David Lowe moved to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. E. Simmons, Trailblazer RC&D