

Jackson Parish Watershed Public Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2023

7:00PM

Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Joynor.

Members Present: Gary Joynor, Jimmy Waggoner, Roy Barlow, Daniel Ponder

Member Absent: Wes Harvey, Jerry Chestnut, Kent Hightower

Opening Prayer by Jimmy Waggoner

No public comments.

Motion by Mr. Ponder to approve meeting minutes from April 20, 2023. Second by Mr. Barlow. Motion carried.

Old Business: Ebenezer pier was approved by La State Fire Marshall on May 9th, 2023. Possible start date on project June 9th.

Motion by Mr. Barlow to approve financial statements and pay bills for April 2023. Second by Mr. Ponder. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Waggoner to approve building permits for: Don & Karon Conner & Paul Miller. Second by Mr. Barlow. Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Ponder to allow Ladies of the Lake Organization to borrow 4 x8 wood frames to display signage for a cancer benefit fundraiser on Caney Lake. Second by Mr. Waggoner. Motion Carried.

Member Comments: Mr. Barlow entertained the idea of meeting with the office of tourism in Baton Rouge in 2024 to receive possible funding for watershed projects. Mr. Waggoner discussed the Chatham Lake boat launch and Ebenezer Launch issue with silting and ramp issue at low water levels. Mr. Joynor discussed (2) complaints he received from fisherman and recreation boaters entering and leaving the spillway launch area on the weekend from 6:00pm to 10:30 pm. The 1st complaint was poor vehicle parking along the road in no designated parking spots causing near accidents due to very little clearance being left by vehicles parked for the business weekend entertainment. The other complaint was no boat\trailer parking near the boat launch due to no available spots because vehicles parked for the business weekend entertainment. Mr. Joynor added that trash being left on the ground after the weekends at the spillway launch parking lot is also a problem.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Waggoner. Second by Mr. Barlow. Motion Carried.

