LAKES COMMITTEE
February 10, 2016

Meeting Summary

- The Arkansas Forestry Commission recommended a contractor to burn brush on the dams.
- Crews are dredging in the inflow and boat ramp area on Lake Cortez. The floating dredge can start in March if we can obtain Board approval this month. There are six coves designated to be handled by the floating dredge.
- New lake signage is nearly complete and should be installed by the end of March.
- Brad will meet with USGS this week to discuss sampling of phosphorous.
- Bids have been received for a custom built electro-shocking boat for approximately $60,000. The hope is that the boat can be operational by April 1st when water temperatures are still cool and the fish are shallow.

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Charles Hartmann.

Members in Attendance: Charles Hartmann, Chairman; George Maxey, Peter Trabant, Rob Bowers, Bob Trowbridge, and Len Dombrowski by conference call.

Members Absent: Don Petersen

Others in Attendance: John Weidert, POA Board Representative; Jason Temple and Brad Meredith, Public Works; Jeff Meek, HSV Voice; Bob Cunningham, PWC; Bill Roe, ACC; Joanne Pegler, Maxine Klein, Bob Mullins, Allen Leth, Steve Wastel, Lloyd Barber, and Jeff Griffin, guests.

Approval of Minutes: Charles Hartmann asked for approval of the January 13, 2016 minutes. They were unanimously approved by the committee.

Board Liaison Comments: John Weidert reported on activities from the January 20th Board meeting. He has asked the ACC to discuss the problem of fixed objects in the lake at the next ACC meeting.

POA Staff Reports:

- Brad and Jason reported on the following:
  ✓ Dam Maintenance Update – Mowing has stopped temporarily while crews work on the lake dredging. The Arkansas Forestry Commission
recommended a contractor to do the burning on the dams. Brad will have them do Lake Lago first since there are no houses near the lake. We can monitor the smoke and determine if we can do other lakes.

- Lake Cortez Dredging – The bids for the floating dredge have been received. The low bidder is working in Rogers at the moment and can get to the Village in March if we can obtain Board approval before then. Crews have been dredging in the inflow and boat ramp area. There are six coves designated to be handled by the floating dredge.

- Lake Signage - New lake signage is nearly complete and should be installed by the end of March. The signs are four by eight feet in size and contain a wealth of information for boaters. The boat fee collection boxes are installed and will be operational soon.

- Total Phosphorous Measurement Discussion - Brad had stated at the last meeting that he was planning to borrow equipment from USGS to do the sampling. He plans to meet with the representative at the conference he is attending this week and will see what their suggestions are for handling the sampling.

- New Equipment for Water Testing – Brad demonstrated the new water quality sampling device that can collect water at any depth, thus allowing quality water samples anywhere in the water column.

- Sponsorship of AFS Annual Meeting – Brad will talk to AFS to find out the housing needs for such an event.

- Safety & Revenue Task Force – Jason stated that the recommendations from the task force headed by Bob Trowbridge need to become part of the policy and procedures for lakes. This should generate more revenue for the lakes in the future.

- Electro-Shocking Boat – The electro-shocking boat is used to do fish census work. This was done by Arkansas Game & Fish in the past, but only when they had time and only on one lake. Having our own boat will allow the lake managers to shock all lakes at opportune times to get the best possible results. Bids have been received for a custom built electro-shocking boat for approximately $60,000. The purchase will hopefully be approved by the Board in March. The hope is that the boat will be operational by April 1st when water temperatures are still cool and the fish are still shallow.

**Chairman’s Remarks:** Charles Hartmann reported on the following:

- He stated that the committee and staff did a great job at the Village Values presentation. There were 117 people in attendance.
- Don Petersen has resigned from the committee. That means there are two openings on the committee in April.

**Committee Member Reports & Comments:**

- Lake Needs Assessment – Rob Bowers reported on updates.
• Lake Data Compilation & Database Creation – George Maxey gave an update, but he needs a database set up to post the data. Charlie Hartmann will help George establish a database.
• Alum Research – Len Dombrowski reported that the price quote for alum application would be approximately $47,000 for a 25-acre lake.

Liaison Comments:
• Recreation – There will be a children’s fishing tournament at Lake Cortez over the July 4th weekend. There are also plans to set up a kayak fishing seminar sometime in March, and the Jessieville/Fountain Lake bass tournament will be held April 23rd.

Old Business:
• Updating Lake Policy & Regulations – The policy update will be completed in late February. Procedure changes will also be written but do not have to be approved by the Board.

New Business:
• ADEQ Impaired Waterways & ADEQ Regulation #2 – Rob Bowers stated that we need to make sure all our limnology parameters meet the new ADEQ standards.
• Committee Accomplishments – Charles distributed a list of 14 accomplishments for the committee to review. Included on the list are the five-year plan, recommendations for Lake Segovia access, revenue enhancement, re-write of “All About Water” document, and agreement on limnology measurements.
• Boat Sticker Update – Charles reported that 2,078 boat stickers have been sold so far this year with approximately $70,000 in revenue. More people are buying stickers than in past years.

Meeting Adjournment:  The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting:  The next meeting will be held March 9th at 9:00 a.m. at Coronado Center.