

Minutes from WHPOA Meeting on December 6th 2025

**Officers Present: Jason Jackson (President) Joey Cooper (Vice-President)
Darren Niedermeyer (Treasurer) Terri Highwater (Assistant Treasurer)
Jeff Armour (Secretary)**

Board Member Present: Matt Wedig and Matt Boyer

A total of 15 members acknowledged the Meeting Attendance Sheet.

Members read the last meeting notes from September 13th 2025. Motion was made and members approved the Meeting Minutes from the September 13th 2025 meeting.

Treasurers Report: There is a current balance of \$28,829.04 in the FNBC checking account. The Evolve Bank CD account has a current balance of \$91,800.85

The President gave updates on services completed or in progress:

Thanks to Expression Graphics for making the road signs for this meeting at no cost to our association

Columbia Insurance Group (WHPOA Liability Insurance) expensed for \$1392.00

Temporary lock for Lake Sherwood boat landing area repair expensed for \$23.85

Office supplies expensed for \$154.99

Sharp County Prisoners worked on the Lake Sherwood dam on October 2nd and 3rd then returned October 14th 15th 16th and 17th. The prisoners did a great job for the members of the WHPOA. Food and drinks for prisoners to cut grass and weeds were expensed for \$808.26.

Cox Implements for weed eater line was expensed was expensed at \$198.49. Thanks went out to Joey Cooper for getting the prisoners to return this year to help with our overgrown grass and bush issues.

The President also announced that the 2026 Member Meetings will be on a new day and time of the week. The 2026 meetings will be held on Friday nights at 7:30 pm at the Hardy Civic Center. The dates are March 6th, June 5th, September 11th and December 4th. Dates and times will be on the WHPOA website. Email reminders and street signs will continue as usual. The decision was made after reviewing numbers from years past for Friday night attendance versus Saturday member attendance. There was a 25 to 33 percent larger attendance on Friday meetings compared to Saturday meetings.

Dues Forms have been mailed out for the 2026 fiscal year. The total number of dues forms mailed this year was 1104. This is down 106 owners from December 2024 due to both Sharp and Fulton Counties “cleaning up” delinquent accounts and some property owners turning their property over to the state. These numbers come from the September 2024 versus September 2025 property owners within the WHPOA. Arkansas leads with 406 mailouts (Hardy has 128 of these mailouts). Illinois has 85-Texas has 74 California has 70- Missouri has 59- Tennessee has 26 and the rest is spread out across the nation.

Property owners who did not pay 2025 dues were removed from the 2026 email mailout list even if dues have been paid in prior years. They will be returned to the list if 2026 dues are paid.

Cash available information was also discussed from the last four years from the first week of December: 2022 had \$14076.43 with no boat landing improvements. 2023 had \$20947.97 with no boat landing improvements. 2024 had \$27985.70 with no boat landing improvements. 2025 had \$28829.94 with boat landing expenditures of \$8462.20

All 2025 WHPOA business has been placed on a flash drive and put in the Centennial Bank safety deposit box for safe keeping. Records from 2014 to 2024 are on the flash drive as well. All other paperwork not digitized are

in the possession of the WHPOA Secretary or currently in the safety deposit box.

Motions were made to deliberate the following Policy Discussions: Members agreed to keep the approved fish order of 1000 crappie and 1000 Hybrid brim but also add another \$500 to add catfish to the order. The President said the order was coming the last of March or the first of April. It was also discussed members should catch and release any grass carp.

Members established January 31st as the date for the Vice President to monitor the water level of Lake Sherwood. If the Vice President determines additional drainage is required the lake will continue to be lowered. The Vice President will determine that date. If the lake has reached the satisfactory level on January 31st the Vice President will close the drainage valve and allow the lake to begin increasing the water level.

The President explained one of the improvements to the boat landing area will be a beach on the left side of the boat dock for children to play. Members asked to use either sand or pea gravel for the area. The President would evaluate costs and retention of either the sand or pea gravel and make a decision. He estimated one load of sand or pea gravel should hopefully be sufficient.

The President also announced the old fence will be replaced with a new two rail wooden fence. The old gate will be removed and will be replaced by a new 12-foot gate. The gate will be recessed further back toward the lake. The fencing will also be curved to allow boat trailers to back into the landing with less difficulty. The estimated cost is \$4500.00

The new boat landing lock key scan system will be incorporated in the near future. Members decided to keep the original approved phone code system after several different options were discussed. The Board explained the same lock has been used for many years and non-paying members or former members are fishing without paying the proper dues.

The President said the cleanout at the top of the spillway has been completed and this will help with the drainage of the lake and help eliminate the “swirling” of debris at the dam end of the lake. This project required the Lake Sherwood water level to be lowered.

The Vice President is working on bids to keep the grass cut and maintained on the Lake Sherwood dam. It was also discussed spraying chemicals on the dam to help control the weeds and brush. The Vice President also said he hopes to get the prisoners back twice in 2026 to help control the grass, weeds and brush on the Lake Sherwood dam. He is also working on the beaver issues on the backside of the dam that is causing the water to back up due to several beaver dams.

The President and Vice President discussed the plan for weed and grass control on the boat landing gravel/picnic area. The idea was to buy a pump sprayer with 50-gallon tank to be used on the picnic area and on the dam. It was agreed to review costs before making a decision.

Members discussed what items they would like to see in the boat landing picnic area. Members had several ideas but agreed to discuss further in detail at March meeting.

Members voted and approved placing No Fishing/Private Property signs on the Woodland Hills Road along the back side of the dam (where the spillway drains).

Additional parking has been created at the boat landing area. The right side that used to slope off has now been leveled with dirt and gravel. The board will look at reflectors at end of new parking since it created a 6-foot drop on backside after leveling out the area.

The Treasurer discussed some of the search engine issues when trying to access the WHPOA website. He said corrections have been made but the more the website is used the more the search engines will locate the website. It was also recommended to type the website address into the URL bar on your computer.

The secretary told members that the Entergy Company has a way to report non-working street lights in our area. You download the app and find this particular function within the app.

The President reminded members of the Hardy City Council meeting on Monday December 8th at the Hardy Civic Center.

The enforcement of fines and liens procedure for the POA was discussed among members and what procedures are required for implementation. A WHPOA board member will look into the process and report the possibility of a procedure and feasibility at the March 2026 meeting.

The Vice President made the motion that Adam Sharp be removed as a Board Member and be replaced by Matt Boyer. The secretary seconded the motion and members voted to remove Adam Sharp and install Matt Boyer as a Board Member.

The question was asked will the POA pay for weed control along the water's edge around Lake Sherwood. The President and Vice President Explained that it is a known problem and lowering the water level hoping for a freeze may help. They noted it was not a solution but would look into the costs involved for this project. The Secretary explained it is not in the 2026 fiscal budget but will be looked at for 2027. He explained it depends on due members payment and expenditures of updating the boat landing area.

The question was asked is there someone to contact about the best locations to place items for fish habitat on Lake Sherwood. The Treasurer Informed members that information is on the website under Fish study. The Secretary said send any additional questions to the WHPOA email and that information will try to be answered by the Treasurer.

The question was asked about more lighting in the boat dock landing area. A member volunteered several solar powered lights that could be hung from a tree or attach to a pole. The Secretary also said solar lights will be placed around the boat dock to provide lighting in that area.

Motion was made by President to adjourn.

Members seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned