

## Minutes from WHPOA Meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

Officers Present: Jason Jackson(President) Darren Niedermeyer(Treasurer)

Terri Hightower(Asst. Treasurer) Jeff Armour(Secretary)

Board Members Present: Matt Wedig

A total of 19 members signed the Meeting Attendance Sheet. Additional members attended but did not sign the Meeting Attendance Sheet.

Members read last Minute Meeting Notes from December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion was made and members approved Minute Meetings from the December 7<sup>th</sup> 2024 meeting.

Treasurers Report: There is a current balance of \$37,780.20 in the FNBC Bank checking account. The Evolve Bank CD account has a current balance of \$88319.20

The President gave updates on services completed or in progress:

Website yearly fee expensed for \$93.24. Website address placed on all POA signs expensed for \$13.61. USPS Postage stamps for mailing expensed for \$219.00. Al's Lock and Key (15 boat landing keys) expensed for \$56.96. Office supplies (printer cartridges, envelopes, etc.) expensed for \$238.69. 2024 Sharp County Tax Statement expensed for \$263.71. Thanks to Scott Quintana and crew for free POA quarterly meeting signs. Thanks to Matt Wedig and Ed Phalon for reflectors placed on Low Water Bridge by the helipad.

A policy discussion was made to notify Air B&B owners James and Sandra Harmon at 870-219-9748 if renters are violating any laws or exhibiting any type of bad behavior. They asked to be notified immediately if any issues do occur. Sandra Harmon explained the process that goes into vetting applications to her location. She said no one with a boat has used the lake but there is a key for kayaks and people requesting to fish for the boat landing. She answered additional questions and had business cards with contact information for those who wanted one. The President also requested that the POA be notified by email.

A motion was made and carried to sell the POA property containing the well. The President was authorized to negotiate the price for the POA. He will make contact with the members using the facility and come up with options to try and get the property sold.

The secretary announced there is a POA website. The website address is [www.hardywhpoa.org](http://www.hardywhpoa.org) and contains information for the members.

A policy discussion was made on the Request Form for the City of Hardy. (Paper documentation for services or incidents.) It was explained that not using this form it could not be verified that any request was made to the city or action was taken by the city. Take the completed form to City Hall and get a signature that it was received. Also get a copy for your records then email a copy to the POA for our records. The President stated he needs this form if he needs to argue for you and the POA at a City Council Meeting. Members were also told this form is available on the website.

A policy discussion was made to create a new directory on the POA website. It will be called Community Services. The secretary explained that a member with a business can advertise their services free of charge (provided yearly dues have been paid.) Businesses without a membership can join for a fee. The amount of fee will be determined by the President and/or Vice President. Simply email the POA with the information about your business. No inappropriate businesses will be allowed to participate. The directory will become active if enough members choose to participate.

The Secretary also explained that going forward the quarterly meeting minutes will be placed on the website and will no longer be sent by email. More of our members have internet access than have email accounts. Members will initially be notified by email when the meeting minutes are on the website.

A policy discussion was made regarding the Phase 2 rough draft process of potential new by-laws for the POA. The Assistant Secretary and Secretary explained the current status. Phase 2 member contribution was being finalized to be sent to the board members for board member evaluation and input. The

process was explained to members before it comes to a quarterly meeting for a vote to accept the entire new by-laws or reject the new by-laws.

A policy discussion was made to review the 2024 WHPOA profit and Loss Statement by those present at the meeting. The Secretary also explained member participation on paying dues from 2024 and 2025. After this explanation a motion was made and approved to authorize the President to purchase a “square” reader for the POA. This will allow the President to contact members and to collect late fees from a list of non-paying members.

A policy discussion was discussed about the POA currently not having enough funds for any major repairs on both/either of the levees. The President explained that there are not nearly enough funds for major repairs that the state of Arkansas could require members to get accomplished. The state will drain the lakes if the POA cannot make any maintenance corrections.

A motion was made and approved by members for penalties of non-payment of yearly dues. Members approved putting up fencing blocking nonpaying members access to the lake in front of their individual property line. The POA owns the water and the fencing will be placed in the water on POA property. The fee will start at \$100. Additional fees may be charged to remove the fencing once member pays required dues. The President and/or Vice President will decide amount of additional fees.

The secretary updated members that the gravel (approved at December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting) will begin to be delivered in the near future at the boat landing. The holdup has been that the ground around the boat dock has been too soft for the heavy gravel trucks to safely dump the gravel.

The President gave an update on improving the fish habitat using the Fish Study (on the website) as a guide. The POA has Christmas trees that were never used to spread across the lake. The Treasurer will assist in this endeavor. The President asked for additional volunteers with boats to help. The president also stated he was looking into getting a grant from the state to help with restricting the grass growth under the water in the lake. The state grant would cover 75% of the cost

and the POA would pay the remaining costs. The estimated cost was around \$5000 and the treatment would last 3 to 4 years.

A motion was made and passed by members allotting up to \$10,000 to clean up the Lake Sherwood spillway to meet state requirements. Members also approved the Guardian Company to complete the work. The President fully disclosed he owned the company. He also asked if members knew of another company to complete the job. He stated if there was just one person present who objected his company would not do the project. There was no member dissent on the question that was asked. Members agreed to allow the work to be completed.

The question was asked when the lowering of the lake would cease. The President said he will make a determination and an email will be sent out announcing the date.

The question was asked if the POA owns any equipment. The President said the POA does not own any equipment. The question was asked if POA officers or board members receive a salary or payments from the POA. The President explained all positions are voluntary and there is no salary or payments to officers or board members.

The question was asked if any type of advertising would help development in the POA. The President said there is currently no money budgeted toward advertising.

The question was asked could a pavilion or permanent cooking grills ever be built on the Lake Sherwood boat landing area. The President said we would like to improve the boat landing area for all members who don't live directly on the water.

The closing comments by the President are that he hoped everyone understood the emphasis to get dues collected for the POA.

A motion to adjourn was made and the motion had a second.

Meeting Adjourned