

2010 Accomplishments of Lakes & Water Committee

1. Monitored and in some cases attended local, county and state organizations involved with water supply, water utilization and water quality standards, specifically:
 - AIM – Alliance for Improvement of the Middle Fork
 - ANRC – Arkansas Natural Resources Commission
 - FWS – Fish and Wildlife Service
 - AGFC – Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
 - USGS – United States Geological Service
 - SWA – Saline Watershed Alliance
 - MAWA – Middle Arkansas Water Alliance
2. Held monthly meetings that, among other things, provided an avenue for Villagers to express concerns about various lake and water issues in the Village. 40 residents attended L&WC meetings this past year.
3. Made Lake Desoto and Sophia drawdown recommendations to POA.
4. Expressed continued interest in obtaining a water allocation for the Village from MAWA.
5. Expressed continued interest in Lake Granada Dam monitoring.
6. Expressed continued interest in volume of water used for irrigation of Village golf courses.
7. Had representation at Governmental Affairs Committee meetings.
8. Monitored Public Works efforts to encourage boat owners to apply their boat decals in the correct and timely manner.
9. Monitored the construction and installation of fish habitat in Village lakes.
10. Recommended a change in procedures for renewal of boat registrations allowing long term renters the option of purchasing a yearly boat decal.
11. Participated in the creation and/or editing of press releases designed to educate the public on such subjects as:

- Rules against blowing or sweeping leaves into the lakes
- The need to purchase boat decals.
- A description of the POA policy regarding the cost of purchasing boat decals including the extra charges resulting from the late purchase of a decal.

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12. Welcomed new members Bob Towbridge and Bob Pullen.
13. Worked with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission on performing fish counts to determine the effectiveness of the catch and release and slot limit rules.
14. Worked with POA Lake Manager and Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to determine the feasibility of developing a trophy bass lake in the village. A presentation with recommendations including costs and benefits should be completed by July, 2011.
15. Discussed and reviewed with Governmental Affairs Committee the impact of the FEMA flood plan survey and the requirement for flood insurance.
16. Publicize the lake drawdown schedule to allow residents to plan seawall and dock maintenance.
17. Implemented a process to allow more than one lake to be drawn down in a year if it becomes necessary.
18. Worked with POA Public Works to implement periodic sampling of lake water to establish a baseline of our water quality and monitor changes.
19. Worked to improve communications of committee activities and Village Lake and water issues and concerns with the POA Board, other committees, village residents and visitors. This included publication of an article in the Advocate about fishing on Village lakes and increasing the committee publications available on the POA website.