

FRIENDS OF THE MANCHAC GREENWAY (FMG) MEETING MINUTES  
Enforcement Conference Room, 1st Floor, 1811 W. Airline Hwy., LaPlace, LA

IN ATTENDANCE - Ben Taylor, Robert Arcuri (St John Parish Council District 5), Tara Lambeth (St John Parish Planning), Dwight Williams (Pontchartrain Conservancy) and Frank Neelis (FMG Contractor)

APPROVAL OF 9/29/22 MEETING MINUTES

FINANCIAL REPORT - Treasurer Galen Schum reported available operational FMG funds are \$7,305.26.

CONTRACTOR REPORT - Frank Neelis stated he will be attending an upcoming meeting at District 62 of the Louisiana Dept. Transportation and Development to discuss issues affecting the Greenway.

GREENWAY MASTER PLAN(S) / FUNDING - Ben reported consulting with Tangipahoa Parish Community Development Director Bridget Bailey about promoting the Louisiana Bootlace Trail/Ring Around the Lake/Manchac Greenway to parish government and incorporating abandoned LA 33 (old Hammond Hwy.) into this trail.

- St John Parish - Ms. Lambeth reported her office is awaiting word whether a Scenic Byways grant may be available to help pay for a Master Plan for the Manchac Greenway in St John.

INFRASTRUCTURE:

- The Restore the Earth Foundation will discuss tree planting in LA WL&F WMAs on the Manchac Greenway at an upcoming meeting November 11.

- Port Manchac/Lake Maurepas CO2 storage - Mr. Arcuri stated the controversial plan to store carbon dioxide under Lake Maurepas rather than off the coast, while ultimately a state decision, holds no monetary advantages for St John Parish.

- Mr. Arcuri reported consulting with Regional Planning Commission contractors and Parish planners on improved connections between the Manchac Greenway and the Mississippi River levee top trail as well as scenic routes through Laplace to the southern end of the Greenway.

OUTREACH - The quarterly litter pickup of FMG's mile of the Manchac Greenway on 10/22 was attended by Ben, Dwight, Lisa and Dennis. The weather was excellent and manics Dennis and Lisa got started at 7:00 and were done by the time it was scheduled to begin at 9:00. They reported most of the mile was relatively clear of trash because of a recent visit by the LA DOTD mowing contractor, who did what they were supposed to do and picked up litter BEFORE they mowed. One more litter pick-up will be scheduled in December.

NEXT MEETING:

2:00, Thursday, Nov. 17 @ Gator's Den deck or Sunset Room, Galva, LA