

**Minutes LOS Fall Meeting Cameron  
First Baptist Church  
Friday, October 23, 2015**

President Marty Floyd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed members and guests to Cameron, especially new members.

Marty thanked those who worked to organize the meeting: Joanne Nunez and Cyndi Sellers, Judith O'Neale, Linda Knight, Joelle Finley and Ken Harris for working the registration and sales tables, The Cameron Police Jury for free passes to the East Jetty, the Cameron Parish Tourist Commission for the snacks and a special thank-you to all who made generous donations to LOS for this meeting.

Marty introduced Cyndi Sellars. Cyndi gave an overview of the 3 proposed LNG plants to be built on the road to the east jetty, on Monkey Island and the west jetty. Venture Global LNG is in charge of the projects. The public comment period has passed but comments should be sent to Cameron Parish. The latest version of the east jetty plant is that the road to the jetty will be closed and a ferry will shuttle people to the jetty. See attachment for Marty's comments.

Marty introduced Joelle Finley and Ken Harris who spoke on their recent birding trip to SE Arizona. The title of their talk was "Birding SE Arizona in July!".

Marty announced Saturday's field trips which will meet in the parking lot of the Cameron Motel at 7:00 AM. Ed Wallace will lead one group, Marty Floyd will lead another group and Steve and Donna will lead a third group.

Judith discussed what areas are open. Judith drew door prizes

Marty announced that the winter meeting will be in Monroe, January 29-31 and that the Louisiana Master Naturalist is underway in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Shreveport and Lafayette.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Joelle Finley, Secretary  
November 5, 2015

**Attachment:**

Venture Global LNG has announced and filed application with the Federal Regulatory Commission for plans to build a liquefied natural gas export facility on 270 acres immediately north of the Jetty Pier Park adjacent to the Calcasieu Ship Channel.

The FERC held its initial scoping meeting for the draft Environmental Impact Statement on Feb. 2, 2015. The public comment period ended Feb. 19, 2015. Once all relevant state and federal agencies have weighed in and VG has responded to any concerns, a Draft EIS will be issued. A second public meeting will then be announced, at which the public may comment on the plan.

VG hopes the final EIS will be issued by August 2016, followed later that fall with a certificate and authorization to proceed.

While Cameron Parish and the town of Cameron welcome the potential economic impact to be derived from a \$4.5 billion industrial project which will create 100 direct and 326 indirect permanent jobs,

some concerns remain.

In order to build berths for two large LNG tankers, the area from the present boat launch northward will be dug out. Davis Road will be abandoned from the last shore base southward to accommodate construction.

Initial announced plans were to re-route Davis Road around the site and access the Jetty Pier from the east, but the new proposal specifies no road to the park. Instead, VG has offered to build a new boat launch north of the current industries and a restaurant/motel complex with a park (not an RV park apparently) on the east side of Davis Road.

A water taxi would be provided to transport visitors to the Jetty Pier for fishing, boating, etc.

It should be stressed that this proposal is very preliminary. Parish officials continue to negotiate with the company on some important points. However, officials have privately been very positive about the plan.

For information on the project, go to the Venture Global LNG website. To contact the FERC, go to [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov), click the e-file link, and use the docket number PF15-2-000. It may help to contact the local state legislative delegation: Sen. Dan Morrish and Rep. Bob Hensgens. Also any state agencies such as LDWF who may have an interest in shorebird habitat.

Cameron Parish needs this industry. It needs the jobs tax revenue and increased population it will bring. It is hoped that retail businesses such as a grocery store, real restaurants, and more motel rooms will result, benefitting everyone who visits. At the same time, preservation of meaningful access to the Jetty Pier and Observation Tower is also important.

Since the original observation tower was paid for by the Louisiana Ornithological Society, and we use it throughout the year, especially during the April and October meetings, we have a vested interest in this proposal. Individual comments would be helpful.

**Minutes LOS Fall Meeting  
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Saturday, October 24, 2015**

President Marty Floyd called the meeting to order at 7:35 and welcomed members, guests and new members.

Marty thanked JoAnn Nunez and Cyndi Sellars for helping with the Cameron arrangements, the Cameron Police Jury for free passes to the jetty, Judith O'Neale, Linda Knight, Joelle Finley and Ken Harris for working the registration and sales tables and Tressie Smith for the chicken-sausage gumbo.

Cyndi Sellars gave an overview of the proposed Venture Global LNG's plan for building 3 LNG plants. One plant is planned to be built at the east jetty, one at the west jetty and one on Monkey Island. See the attached comments by President Marty Floyd.

Marty introduced the officers and board of directors of LOS: Marty Floyd-President, Donna Dittmann-Vice-President, Judith O'Neale-Treasurer, Joelle Finley-Secretary, Ed Wallace-Past-President, Board Members Larry Raymond -N LA, Joseph Vallee-SW LA, Christine Kooi-SE LA, LOS NEWS Editor-Kimberly Lanka, and JLO Editor- Jennifer Coulson.

Rosemary Seidler moved Kevin Colley seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Approved

Judith gave the treasurer's report.

Election of Officers-Past-president Ed Wallace announced the recommendations of the nominating committee.

President-Marty Floyd  
Vice-President- Donna Dittmann  
Treasurer-Judith O'Neale  
Secretary-Joelle Finley  
SW LA Board Member-Joseph Vallee

Approved

Marty congratulated the winners and thanked Ed and the nomination committee.

Marty introduced the evening's speaker, Matt Brady. After six years of hard field work by the Louisiana birding community, the Louisiana Bird Atlas is finally yielding results. Combining survey effort for bird communities in both summer and winter, the Louisiana Bird Atlas is a truly groundbreaking project. What insights can we gain from a better understanding of the fine-scale distributions of birds across our state? He also spoke on a new project in partnership with BRAS studying window strikes in Baton Rouge. Window strikes can be reported to [www.flap.org/mapper\\_guide.php](http://www.flap.org/mapper_guide.php). Matt Brady, a California native, started grad school at the LSU Museum of Natural Science in 2012. Before that, he worked a series of bird-related field jobs in California and the Neotropics. His favorite location to bird in Louisiana is Grand Isle, while his favorite spot outside of Louisiana is Big Sur, California. Matt hopes to find a museum-related job after graduating. He also hopes to be able to bird in Australia someday.

Steve Cardiff called the check list. 174 species

Marty announced the winter meeting will be in Monroe on January 29-31, 2016 and the spring meeting dates in Cameron will be April 22-23.

Judith drew for door prizes.

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