The Bistineau Task Force conducted its first meeting of the year Jan. 24.

Representative Gene Reynolds opened the meeting with an update about new legislation that could be beneficial to Lake Bistineau.

Also, new members were appointed to the BTF. Don Moore has been appointed as a representative of the Bienville Parish Police Jury and following the meeting it was announced that Bob Brotherton would represent the Bossier Parish Police Jury on the BTF.

Pete Camp gave a financial report concerning the success of funds raised and spent for the benefit of the lake. Efforts to raise money for projects to better Lake Bistineau will be continued in 2013.

Evan Thames, LDWF, gave a report on Lake Bistineau: The lake has an estimated Salvinia coverage of 900 acres and only about half of that is still viable or growing and the flood gates will be shut on Jan. 31. He also said LDWF is looking at what they can do to better control Giant Salvinia and this is going on at a statewide level.

The next BTF meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21 at 10:15 a.m. in the Webster Parish Courthouse. Minutes for this meeting will be posted as soon as possible and can be found at www.trailblazer.org
BTF Members present include: Elmore Morris (Bodcau SWCD), Greg Wilson and Don Moore (Bienville Parish P.J.), Billy Montgomery, Bill Altimus, and Glenn Benton (Bossier Parish P.J.), David Lowe and Rick Yager (Dorcheat SWCD), Charlie Walker, Jim Bonsall, and Steve Ramsey (Webster Parish P.J.), and member at large, Pete Camp.