


Ouachita Parish Police Jury

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Media

FROM: Jay Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney 

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 9121 – Regarding Hunting on Ouachita Parish Police Jury’s “Cheniere Lake” Property

DATE: October 28, 2016

Attached is a certified copy of Ordinance No. 9123 adopted by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury at a Special Called Meeting held on October 28, 2016. This Ordinance specifies that no hunting other than waterfowl hunting is allowed on the OPPJ’s property in Cheniere Lake. This Ordinance was adopted in an expedited fashion because the OPPJ learned that the local Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries was receiving calls asking whether deer and squirrel hunting were allowed in the portions of Cheniere Lake that are now dry land due to the extended drawdown of the Lake. The OPPJ took this action because the regular gun season for deer starts tomorrow in this area.

There are a few acres of “private land” in Cheniere Lake that would not be affected by this ordinance as this ordinance only applies to the OPPJ property. However, it wouldn’t be an exaggeration to say that the OPPJ owns “99%” of the land that makes up the normal lake-bottom.

The OPPJ would appreciate your assistance in making this ordinance known to the public.

Mr. Scotty Robinson, seconded by Mr. Walt Caldwell offered the following ordinance for adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 9121

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING HUNTING ON THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY PROPERTY IN CHENIERE LAKE; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the need for re-construction of La. Hwy. 3033 and the bridge and spillway over Cheniere Creek, Cheniere Lake has been subjected to an extensive drawdown;

WHEREAS, most areas of Cheniere Lake are bounded by homes, camps and public recreation areas;

WHEREAS, waterfowl hunting has traditionally been allowed on those parts of Cheniere Lake owned by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury;

WHEREAS, other types of hunting on areas of Ouachita Parish Police Jury land in Cheniere Lake exposed by the drawdown could present risks to surrounding properties;

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury finds that the interests of public safety dictate that hunting on its Cheniere Lake property be limited to waterfowl hunting;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED that hunting on the Ouachita Parish Police Jury's Cheniere Lake property shall be limited to waterfowl hunting conducted in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws and parish ordinances. The hunting of other game animals on the Ouachita Parish Police Jury's Cheniere Lake property is not allowed. Violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00; confinement of up to thirty (30) days in the parish jail, or both.

The ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:	(4)	Mr. Scotty Robinson, District A; Mr. Walt Caldwell, District C; Mr. Shane Smiley, District E and Ms. Pat Moore, District F.
NAYS:	(0)	
ABSTAIN:	(0)	
ABSENT:	(2)	Mr. Jack Clampit, District B and Dr. Ollibeth Reddix, District D

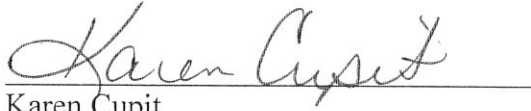
The ordinance was adopted this 28th day of October, 2016.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing pages are a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 9121 adopted at a Special Meeting of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury held on the 28th day of October, 2016, in which a quorum was present and voting and that the ordinance adopted is still in effect and has not been rescinded or revoked.

Signed at Monroe, Louisiana on the 28th day of October, 2016.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Karen Cupit", is written over a horizontal line.

Karen Cupit
Recording Secretary