

The LNIA Board of Directors met Tuesday July 17th at the United Community Bank

Special Board of Directors Meeting

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The LNIA Board of Directors met Tuesday July 17th at the United Community Bank. The membership was invited to attend and a large number of them came. The purpose of the meeting was to talk with W.C. Nelson who serves on the Citizens Board of advisors to TVA. W. C. had also told us that Tom Gilliland has been appointed to TVA Board of Directors by the President. Tom is a Vice President of the United Community Banks and lives in Georgia. It is the first time in TVA history that someone from Georgia has been appointed to the Board. W. C. invited Tom to the meeting but he was unable to attend. Charles Jenkins our State Representative did attend the meeting.

We are concerned about the lake level and from the Lake Operating Guides we observed that Nottely seems to be supplying more water than most of the other Lakes. We were told that all 10 of the tributary lakes would be drawn from equally under the new operating guide. W. C. explained the way TVA figures the drawdown and most of the lakes are approximately 50% below full summer pool. Norris Lake was approximately 24% below full summer pool. Nottely was approximately 60% below full summer pool. This doesn't appear to be equal treatment of all tributary lakes. W. C. said that TVA admits they goofed on Norris Lake. We did get a concession from TVA. They will not draw from Nottely for three days while they draw from Norris. We wish we could report better news but this is the worse drought this area has experienced in the last 118 years. All 10 tributary lakes will experience greater draw downs during August and September. When the weather cools off the draw downs will decrease but will more than likely continue at a lesser rate. Nottely is already at the new winter pool according to the Operating Guide. Don't be surprised if Nottely drops to the old winter pool of 1746 or lower. Our only hope is for a lot of rain over the Tennessee Valley for the next six months.

Our thanks to W.C. Nelson and Charles Jenkins for giving of their time to meet with us and to W. C. for letting us know the method TVA uses to figure the Operating Schedules and for all the other information and guidance he gave us.

We must keep LNIA strong so we can continue to monitor TVA and quickly take action. Our large membership gives us some clout. Please help us increase our membership by inviting you neighbors and friends to join. Go to our Website www.lakenottely.org and click on Membership to print a membership form. Keeping TVA straight is only a small part of what we do in the community. Look over the Webb site and see for yourself.