

RESOLUTION NO. 3-6-2023

A Resolution Repealing and Replacing Resolution No. 04-18-2022 Regarding Rules and Regulations for Pratt County Veterans Memorial Lake

WHEREAS, Pratt County owns and operates Pratt County Veterans Memorial Lake (“Lake”) for the use and benefit of the citizens of Pratt County, Kansas, and the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, as owner and operator of the Lake, it is the duty and responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners of Pratt County, Kansas, to assure that the Lake and improvements thereon are protected from damage, destruction, and vandalism so that the same may be used for the benefit and pleasure of its patrons; and

WHEREAS, it is also the duty and responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners of Pratt County, Kansas, to assure that the Lake and its improvements are utilized in responsible and appropriate ways so that the opportunity to use and enjoy the same will not be diminished; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Pratt County, Kansas, previously adopted Resolution No. 04-18-22 to provide rules and regulations for the Lake pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. § 19-2803a; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to repeal and replace Resolution No. 04-18-22.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Pratt County, Kansas, that the following rules and regulations governing Pratt County Veterans Memorial Lake shall be and are hereby adopted.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING PRATT COUNTY
VETERANS MEMORIAL LAKE**

1. For purposes of these Rules and Regulations, the term “Lake” shall be interpreted to mean Pratt County Veterans Memorial Lake, recreation areas, camping areas, improvements, and all other property and appurtenances owned or used in connection with Pratt County Veterans Memorial Lake.
2. Carrying of open and concealed weapons shall be governed by the laws of the State of Kansas. Discharge of any firearm, air propelled gun, or similar device is prohibited.
3. Fishing by any means or method is prohibited, except in such areas as may be open to such activity by posted notice. All fishing shall be and is governed by the laws, rules, and regulations of the State of Kansas. Ice fishing and any activity involving persons on ice (e.g., ice skating) are prohibited. The catching or taking of minnows or bait fish in any manner is

prohibited. Length limits and special creel limits will be established by posted notice. Trot lines, bank lines, set lines, or limb lines are prohibited.

4. All trash shall be disposed of in trash receptacles or otherwise packed out of the Lake. Disposing trash not produced at the Lake is prohibited (e.g., trash from home). Discarding trash that causes damage or destruction to the Lake is prohibited; a person's failure to pick up his/her trash shall be considered a violation of this prohibition.
5. Open fires are prohibited, except in fire rings in designated areas or piers. All fires must be attended and extinguished prior to leaving. Failure to do so is prohibited.
6. Pets not controlled with a chain or leash or confined in a vehicle are prohibited, unless otherwise under direct control of the owner.
7. Driving in excess of posted speed limits is prohibited. Horseback riding and operation of motor vehicles is prohibited beyond maintained roads and parking areas unless otherwise posted.
8. Camping or remaining at the Lake for a period longer than fourteen (14) consecutive days is prohibited. A forty-eight (48) hour absence of persons, equipment, and vehicles is required between each camping period of fourteen (14) consecutive days.
9. Quiet hours at the Lake are to be observed between 11:00 pm and 6:00 am. Actions which alarm, anger, or disturb others are prohibited during quiet hours. Failure to comply may result in expulsion and exclusion from the Lake.
10. Persons under the age of eighteen (18) are prohibited at the Lake between 11:00 pm and 6:00 am, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or prior approval is given in writing by the Lake Superintendent to such child at the request of the child's parent or legal guardian. Whether to grant such approval is at the sole discretion of the Lake Superintendent.
11. Digging holes, cutting tree limbs or branches, or otherwise causing injury to the environment, vegetation, or habitat is prohibited. Destruction of or injury to any sign, guidepost, or other property is prohibited (e.g., graffiti).
12. Disorderly conduct, which includes drunkenness, fighting, disturbing the peace, indecent exposure, or similar conduct is prohibited.
13. Swimming or wading in waters is prohibited.

14. The discharge or use of fireworks is prohibited, except during the period from June 27th to July 11th each year. During said period(s), fireworks shall only be discharged in areas specifically designated by the Board of County Commissioners of Pratt County, Kansas.
15. The use of glass containers for beverages is prohibited.
16. Private construction of any building, boat dock, fishing dock, launching ramp, table, fire ring, or the like is prohibited, except as may be permitted by the Board of County Commissioners of Pratt County, Kansas.
17. Vessels propelled by hand or feet and sailboats are permitted on the Lake. Vessels propelled by motors of any size are prohibited, except when used for fishing purposes and operated in a manner to avoid causing wake, making loud noise, or causing other nuisances. Leaving any vessel unattended is prohibited. Jet skis are prohibited. Applicable laws of the State of Kansas regarding boating also apply.
18. Blocking a pier or service site with an unattended vehicle or otherwise for the purpose of reserving the pier or service site is prohibited.
19. Overnight camping, whether by tent, vehicle (e.g., RV/camper), or otherwise requires obtaining a permit and payment of the following fees:

(a)	Primitive camping (in designated areas)	\$5.00/night
(b)	Piers 2-21	\$5.00/night*
(c)	Service Sites 1-21	\$20.00/night**

*No overnight camping is allowed on Pier 1 so as to preserve access to the handicap accessible fishing dock.

**Service Sites 1-21 have access to certain services (e.g., water and electricity). The \$20.00/night fee applies regardless of whether services are actually used.
20. Violation of any of the prohibitions set forth in these Rules and Regulations shall result in those penalties proscribed by Kan. Stat. Ann. § 19-2803a(a), which includes a fine not exceeding \$100.00 or commitment to the county jail for a period not exceeding 30 days or both such fine and imprisonment. Furthermore, the Lake Superintendent shall have the right to bar any person that has engaged in any behavior in violation of these Rules and Regulations from entering or remaining on Lake property for a specified period of time by giving written notice to such person, personally or by certified mail, or by service by the Pratt County Sheriff's Office. Any person aggrieved by such action shall have the right to appeal the action to the Board of County Commissioners of Pratt County, Kansas, within 15 days of receipt of said notice.

This Resolution shall take effect after its publication in the official County newspaper once a week for three consecutive weeks and shall repeal and replace Resolution No. 04-18-2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution is adopted and entered into on 3-5-2023, 2023, by the Board of County Commissioners of Pratt County, Kansas.

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Chairman Thomas Jones, III

Rick Shriver
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Attest: Lori Voss
County Clerk, Lori Voss