

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA
GAME AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION**

Meeting held on October 7, 2020

Present were Commissioners Self, Hubbard, Cooper, Tingle, Wilson and Chairman Lonadier along with Villis Dowden with the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries.

On motion by Hubbard and seconded by Cooper, the meeting was called to order.

On motion by Cooper and seconded by Wilson, the minutes were adopted as written.

Chairman Lonadier moved into old business. Concerning revenue sources Steven D. Crews and Shane Hubbard reported that they are continuing to work with our State Senator and State Representative on potential revenue sources and some method of dealing with the wetlands mitigation money necessary to put the boat ramp on the east side of the lake complex.

Commissioner Wilson then gave a report on the boat ramps. He said everything is looking good and they are all clean. He tried to find someone to dig the CD Baker boat ramp but was unable to find an appropriate contractor. Chairman Lonadier tabled that issue for now. Biologist Villis Dowden said he would see if the Wildlife & Fisheries had the equipment that could do the job. Steven D. Crews also said he would check with Police Jury President Richmond to see if they had the necessary equipment.

Villis Dowden then gave a report on lake management. He said that Hurricane Laura hurt the herbicide treatment of the giant salvinia. He also said there was insufficient money to obtain the necessary contractors to do the spraying. He was hoping that budget money will become available in July of 2021.

There was nothing new to report on the new boat ramp location on the east side of the lake complex.

There was nothing new to report on the pond/pit that does not harbor giant salvinia.

Shane Hubbard advised that he would work with Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven D. Crews concerning the development of a Facebook page.

Chairman Lonadier reported that he was attempting to remove the metal rods out of the lake bed. He is going to send some information to Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven D. Crews to see if they could come up with a workable plan to remove the metal rods.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven D. Crews further reported that the recreational area clean up would have to be postponed until the Covid restrictions were lifted and the road work crew was allowed to go out again.

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Concerning new business on motion by Hubbard and seconded by Tingle, the Commission voted to reappoint Durwood Wilson and Larry Cooper as Commissioners.

There was then much discussion concerning the clarification of the suspension of the permit requirements for this year. In light of the discussion the Commission adopted Resolution Number 1 of 2020 which provides as follows:

- 1) Any permittee who desires a 2021 duck blind permit will be first required to provide GPS coordinates of the intended location before any 2021 duck blind permit will be issued;
- 2) All the standard rules and regulations in place concerning duck blinds and duck blind permits will remain in force and effect for the 2020/2021 season with the exception of obtaining a permit. It was the Commission's intention that a person who held a valid permit for the 2019/2020 duck season would have preference and priority to hunt that same spot for the 2020/2021 duck season. The only change was that the Commission, due to the low levels of the lake, dispensed with the necessity of a duck blind permit for this season but all other rules and regulations remain in force and effect and those holding a valid duck blind permit in 2019/2020 will be given preference and priority to hunt the same spot in the 2020/2021 duck season;
- 3) The Commission further declared that any violation of the spirit of this Resolution or the clear wording of this Resolution would be a violation of R.S. 56:648.

On motion by Cooper and seconded by Self, Resolution Number 1 of 2020 was adopted by the Commission.

On motion by Hubbard and seconded by Cooper the submitted invoice was approved for payment.

With no further business to report on motion by Cooper and seconded by Self, the meeting did adjourn.



STEVEN D. CREWS