

MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA GAME  
AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on June 7, 2022

Present were Chairman Lonadier and Commissioners Wilson, Cooper, Tingle and Bedgood.

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

On motion by Wilson and seconded by Tingle the Commission dispensed with the reading of the minutes and approved the minutes as written.

Chairman Londadier recognized the guests which including several members of the general public, Kane Finkueiner and Villis Dowden of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Chairman Lonadier and Assisitant Secretary Treasurer Steve Crews advised that there was nothing to report concerning revenue sources. Assistant Secretary Crews was asked to contact Senator Bernard about potential funding issues and a check with Parish President, John Richmond.

Commissioners Wilson and Bedgood reported on the boat ramps and said everything looked good but there might need to be a load of rock at Westwind and CD Baker. It was reported that there is also an oak tree at Dickson that needs to come down.

Villis Dowden and Kane Finkueiner then gave a lengthy report on lake management. Mr. Dowden reported two of the three year fisheries studies have been completed. Thus far there appears to be decent amounts of brim and white perch but the bass numbers are down. They are also going to do a very involved water quality data study. Kane Finkueiner reported that the giant salvania is in a lower amount than expected and they going to be able to use spray application to treat the varies areas. It is not believed there needs to be a draw down for giant salvania this year.

Chairman Lonadier advised that the Commission was still waiting on the permit concerning the construction of the boat ramp on the east side.

In the absence of Commissioner Hubbard there was nothing new to report on the Facebook page.

There was then a general discussion among those in attendance concerning a draw down. All of the public voiced various opinions. On motion by Wilson and seconded by Bedgood, the Commission agreed not to do a major draw down in 2022 but would authorize a limited draw down to begin July 15, 2022 if the funding was available and the draw down was necessary for the construction and/or work of the boat ramp on the east side of the lake complex. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wilson reported that the recreation area was in good shape.

On motion by Bedgood and seconded by Cooper, the invoice submitted was approved.

On motion by Cooper and seconded by Wilson, Winfred Lonadier was re-appointed to the commission.

The commission then accepted applications for the vacant spot. The Commission welcomed Corey Cason to the meeting and encouraged him to return on August 2. No decision was made concerning the vacancy.

With no other new business to report on motion by Bedgood and seconded by Tingle, the meeting was adjourned.

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STEVEN D. CREWS