

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

Meeting held on August 3, 2021

Present were Vice Chairman Hubbard, who conducted the meeting, and Commissioners Cooper, Tingle, Bedgood and Wilson.

Vice Chairman Hubbard introduced the guests in attendance including Wildlife & Fisheries Biologist Villis Dowden.

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

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

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven Crews reported that the money request for the new boat ramp had supposedly been approved by the State. Mr. Crews was asked to contact the Corps of Engineers about the mitigation issue.

Durwood Wilson gave a report on the boat ramps. He said there were some rock purchased from Westwind which was not been spread. Dickson boat ramp needs some rock as well.

Villis Dowden then gave a report on lake management. He said something is happening to the giant salvinia and they are monitoring to see what is taking place. They are not exactly sure what is happening. He advised that the department crew is continuing to spray and hope to begin contract spraying in October. He further advised the fish survey was still taking place and would be a three year process. It will include crappie, bass and any other species less than six inches. He said preliminary reports do indicate a reduction in the bass population.

Vice Chairman Hubbard reported that the Facebook page was about to be launched.

There was nothing to report concerning the removal of metal rods.

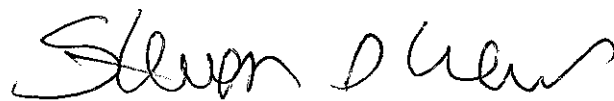
The recreation area was reported as in good shape.

There was no other old business to report.

Concerning new business, on motion by Cooper and seconded by Bedgood, the invoices submitted for clean up and bushhogging was approved and the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer was also authorized to pay any invoices through the end of October 2021 in case COVID prohibited formal meetings.

On motion by Cooper and seconded by Tingle, the Commission reiterated the point that there would be no fee for duck blind permits for the 2021/2022 season. However, the public would still be required to obtain the permit and furnish the necessary GPS coordinates.

On motion by Cooper and seconded by Bedgood, the meeting did adjourn.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven D. Crews". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

STEVEN D. CREWS