

MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA GAME
AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on June 6, 2024

Present were Vice Chairman Hubbard and Commissioners Bedgood, Cason and Austin.

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

On motion by Cason and seconded by Bedgood, the minutes were accepted as written.

Vice Chairman Hubbard recognized guests, Villas Dowden, Wesley Maddox, Robby Maxwell, John Ackel and Abe Ackel.

There was no information on the boat ramps due to the high water.

Concerning lake management there was nothing new on the samples. Villas Dowden has placed a request for additional fish for stocking purposes. There is a good shad population.

Wesley Maddox reported that 316 acres has been sprayed. There are some areas that are having giant salvania and alligator weed problems. They have contract labor and will continue to spray.

There was nothing new to report on the Facebook page.

The harassment legislation was going through the process. Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven Crews has confirmed that the harassment legislation was signed into law.

Villis Dowden agreed to check on the 2:00 p.m. closing for duck season.

Concerning the duck blind rules that was tabled pending appointment of the new commissioner.

Shane agreed to get with the representatives of Delta Waterfowl concerning the receipt of funds.

On old business Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven Crews was asked to contact Marty Cheatwood and President John Salter about keeping the boat ramps clean.

On Motion by Bedgood and seconded by Austin the payment from Steven Crews concerning the extra expenditures for the Delta Waterfowl meeting in the amount of \$160.00 was approved.

On Motion by Bedgood and seconded by Austin the Commission did adopt Resolution No. 4 of 2024 thanking Winfred Lonadier for his years of dedicated service.

Robby Maxwell was then recognized and he made a presentation on behalf of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries concerning the mercury advisory in the water. Due to the levels of mercury they were advising the pregnant women and young children avoid eating much fish. Adults should also monitor their consumption. The public is encouraged to check with one of the two following sites concerning the recommended levels of consumption. Louisiana Department of Health - <https://ldh.la.gov/page/health-fish-consumption-advisories-program-mercury-advisories> and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality - <https://deq.louisiana.gov/page/fishing-consumption-and-swimming-advisories/>.

The Commission then discussed new officers and after appropriate voting Shane Hubbard was elected the new Chairman, Eugene Austin, Jr. was elected Vice-Chairman and Cason was elected Secretary-Treasurer. The appropriate Motion was made by Bedgood and seconded by Cason.

Abe Ackel was then presented and he made a presentation. On Motion by Bedgood and seconded by Cason the Commission agreed to recommend the appointment of Abe Ackel to the Commission.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven Crews updated the Commission concerning a replacement Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. There was no information to report and Mr. Crews advised he was willing to stay on provided there was some adjustment to the salary package.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Crews advised the Commission that there was an inspection of Lonadier Landing that there was going to be scheduled between the Wildlife and Fisheries and the principal contractor. Shane Hubbard advised that he wished to be present and Winfred Lonadier would be notified as well.

On Motion by Austin and seconded by Bedgood the invoices submitted were authorized for payment.

On Motion by Austin and seconded by Bedgood the meeting did adjourn.

STEVEN D. CREWS

