

MINUTES OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA  
GAME AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on April 2, 2013

Present were Commissioners Arthur Brown, Jr., Ernest Self, Durwood Wilson and Johnny Stewart.

On motion by Stewart and seconded by Self the minutes were approved as written.

Chairman Brown recognized guests Ricky Yeldell of the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, Renee' Crews and John Dunn on behalf of the Black Lake Citizen's Committee.

Durwood Wilson then gave a report on the boat ramps. He said everything looks good except Westwind will need some rock.

Ricky Yeldell then gave a report concerning lake management. He said they are currently stocking grass carp that are a minimum of 12". At first he thought he was getting 14,100 grass carp but has now been advised that they are approving 16,000 grass carp. They will be placed at various locations throughout the lake complex. Mr. Yeldell also advised that he toured Prairie and saw giant salvinia, lotus and alligator weed. He said the Department has decided to do contract spraying since the spraying can be done in a shorter period of time. He hopes to get approval for approximately 500 acres of spraying in the lake complex.

There was then some discussion concerning a drawdown. Biologist Yeldell advised that some people had approached him about doing a drawdown but after discussion with the Commission, everyone in attendance agreed that we should refrain from a drawdown at this time in order to give the grass carp time to work.

There was then a report concerning the recreation area and everything was in satisfactory condition.

No additional news was available to report on the fish gates.

John Dunn, on behalf of the Black Lake Citizen's Committee, requested written approval to place the map stands at the boat landings. On motion by Wilson and seconded by Self the Commission did authorize Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven Crews to write President Don Wilson and giving him written approval to place the map stands.

On motion by Stewart and seconded by Self the invoice of \$205.00 for boat ramp maintenance was approved.

The Commission was advised that the Westwind security light was working.

On motion by Self and seconded by Wilson Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven Crews was given the approval to provide First Federal with the irrevocable proxy they had requested.

On motion by Wilson and seconded by Brown the Commission did accept the appointments of Randy Thomas, Jr. and Shawn Beard from Red River Parish.

On motion by Stewart and seconded by Wilson the Commission did reappoint Commissioner Ernest Self with his new 4 year term to begin 5/13/13.

On motion by Wilson and seconded by Self the Commission did adjourn.

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STEVEN D. CREWS  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER