

MINUTES OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA
GAME AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on April 2, 2019

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

Chairman Lonadier called the meeting to order on motion by Cooper and seconded by Hubbard.

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

Chairman Lonadier recognized guests Villis Dowden and Renee' Crews.

Durwood Wilson and Gary Bedgood gave a report on the boat ramps. All of them look good. C.D. Baker will need some rock at some point in the future. Commissioner Wilson advised that he used crushed concrete at Westwind and it appears to be holding well.

Villis Dowden then gave a report on the Lakes. He said everything looks good. There are a few scattered patches of giant salvinia. He also said they are going to be more aggressive with salvinia treatment on Grand Bayou which should help with the migration into our Lakes. He further advised that a boom had been purchased and will be available when needed. He then gave a report concerning the weevils and said that they were still placing them in the bar pits which had severe giant salvinia infestation.

Commissioners Bedgood and Tingle then reported that the bass numbers and white perch numbers were down. Mr. Dowden felt that the pan fish population is probably down and that had a corresponding drop in the sport fish.

There was then some general discussion concerning the boat ramp on the east side of the lake. Assistant Secretary Treasurer Steven Crews was asked to contact Nick Verrett about the application process.

On motion by Cooper and seconded by Bedgood Steven Crews was asked to contact Nick Verrett and, unless favorable information was received, then to get with Villis Dowden about contacting another person to perform the necessary work.

With no further old business, the Commission then moved to new business. The first item discussed was some posted signs that were placed in the area of the recreational pier. Assistant Secretary Treasurer Steven Crews will contact the owner.

There was then discussion concerning invoices for boat ramp repair and maintenance. On motion by Bedgood and seconded by Hubbard the invoice was approved for payment.

The Commissioners discussed illegal netting on Prairie Lake. The public is encouraged to report any illegal activity.

A member in attendance then asked about channel markers. The Commission advised there was no plan to put channel markers in the lake.

On motion by Hubbard and seconded by Cooper the meeting did adjourn.


STEVEN D. CREWS