

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

Meeting held on June 6, 2017

Present were Commissioners Hubbard, Self, Bedgood, Tingle and Chairman Lonadier.

Chairman Lonadier recognized Villis Dowden, Patrick Ireland and Brittainey Thaxton of the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries.

On motion by Bedgood and seconded by Self, the meet was called to order.

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

Commissioner Bedgood gave a report on the boat ramps.

There was then much discussion concerning lake management. Biologist Villis Dowden gave a summary of the aquatic vegetation control practices being conducted. He said approximately 4,845 acres of the lake have been treated for giant salvinia which amounts to about 1/3 of the lake surface. Another contract is scheduled to begin next week and it would be a 60 day contract. He further advised that there would be a concentration around the bridge and the Dickson Boat Ramp. He also confirmed that the drawdown would begin July 3 and is currently scheduled to end in December of 2017 although it might be extended, depending on the type of winter weather we receive. He also said the boom was going to be adjusted. Weeviles were put on test plots and they are going to see if they survive the winter. People in attendance advised that the area around Sandy Point was getting worse and he took note. He also said he was working with Sandy Point concerning dealing with their water intake pump. He confirmed that they were going to spray both before and after the drawdown.

Commissioner Bedgood then advised that the fishing pier was in good shape.

Commissioner Bedgood also advised there was nothing new to report concerning the extension of the Dickson Boat Ramp.

No one was present for the Black Lake Citizen's Committee.

On new business there were no invoices submitted.

There was then much discussion concerning the dam inspection report. Biologist Dowden advised he would check with the DOTD about replacing the buoys at the Black Lake Bayou Dam and putting buoys at Chivary Dam.