

MINUTES OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA  
GAME AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on October 2, 2012

Present were Commissioners Wilson, Runyon and Self and Chairman Junior Brown.

Chairman Brown recognized guests Senator Gerald Long, Biologist Ricky Yeldell and members of the Black Lake Citizen's Committee

On motion by Runyon and seconded by Wilson the minutes were approved as written.

Durwood Wilson then gave a report on the boat ramps. He indicated that some additional rock was probably going to be necessary.

Ricky Yeldell then made a presentation to all present concerning lake management. He indicated that giant salvania tends to increase in coverage in the fall due to better conditions. He also indicated that they had lost one man from their spraying crew but they were in the process of replacing that employee. He further indicated that contract spraying would be done and they were still working on the additional grass carp. He also advised that a couple of carp were caught during the past sampling.

He then gave a report on the leaking fish gate at the dam. He said they used the Wildlife & Fisheries' barge and were able to go up and take a look at the gate and it is scheduled to be fixed.

Durwood Wilson then reported that there were lots of floating and growing vegetation north of the bridge.

Durwood Wilson then gave a report on the recreational area. There was some discussion concerning thinning the Cypress trees along the old roadbed but the Commission was advised that cutting of Cypress trees in Louisiana is a very difficult thing to get approved.

There was then a report from the Black Lake Citizen's Committee. They were advised that a tour had been done of the coal mine and they felt better about the coal mine operation. The Northwest Louisiana Game and Fish Preserve Commission was invited to their next meeting on November 27 at Lakewood Inn.

Senator Long then gave a comprehensive updated report on many topics of interest for citizens of the Black/Clear/Prairie Lakes area. He then took questions from the floor and a number of topics were discussed.

Ernest Self and Durwood Wilson reported on their visit to the coal mine and said that they were very impressed with the operation.

On motion by Runyon and seconded by Self the invoice from Anne Childress was approved.

On motion by Wilson and seconded by Runyon the meeting did adjourn.

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