

MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA GAME
AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on October 5, 2023

Present were Chairman Winfred Lonadier and Commissioners Cooper, Cason, Tingle and Bedgood.

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

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

Chairman Lonadier recognized the guests Brittainey Churchman of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries along with Renee Crews.

Gary Bedgood reported that the boat ramps were all in good shape but there would be some work for mowing and invoices would be submitted.

Brittainey Churchman then gave a report on lake management. She said the three year fish study should be concluded this year. They are looking at the possibility of stocking native bass instead of the Florida strain since the Florida strain is not doing well in these lakes. She also reported that Wesley Maddox (vegetation expert) advised her that the spraying would continue for aquatic vegetation.

On motion by Bedgood and seconded by Cason the Commission adopted Resolution No. 4 of 2023 officially naming the new boat ramp location as "Lonadier Landing".

Chairman Lonadier asked that there be a post on the Facebook page that the ramp was now open.

On motion made and seconded the Commission agreed that the new ramp would be closed when the water level reached 103 feet and rising.

There was no decision on the new commissioner and Steven Crews was asked to invite Mr. Austin and Mr. Morgan to the next meeting.

On motion by Cooper and seconded by Tingle the Commission authorized Steven D. Crews and Winfred Lonadier to pay Premier Well Service, Inc. for their construction contract with the new boat ramp.

On motion by Bedgood and seconded by Cason Steven D. Crews was authorized by Resolution No. 5 of 2023 to pay the remaining balance in the new checking accounting at City Bank to the Northwest Louisiana Game and Fish Preserve Commission and to close that account since it was opened in connection with the new boat ramp.

There was much discussion concerning the duck blinds. On motion by Bedgood and seconded by Cooper Steven Crews was asked to see about placing the Northwest Louisiana Game and Fish Preserve within the harassment law found at R.S. 56:648.2 and following.

Chairman Lonadier asked Mr. Crews to mail the general authority sheet to the Commissioners.

On motion by Cason and seconded Begood it was decided that any blind that did not have a visible permit and was brushed and ready to hunt on the opening day of big duck season in November 2023 would be declared an open blind and available for anyone to permit and hunt. Concerning moveable/floating blinds it was determined that any location that was not permitted would be an open location and available for anyone else to hunt.

On motion by Cason and seconded by Tingle Steven D. Crews was authorized to pay for the work to remove the dead tree and vines at the new boat ramp.

On motion by Bedgood and seconded by Tingle the Commission adopted Resolution No. 6 of 2023 which prohibited overnight camping at Dickson Boat Ramp, West Wind Boat Ramp, CD Baker Boat Ramp and Lonadier Landing.

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



STEVEN D. CREWS