MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA GAME AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on August 1, 2024

Present were all Commissioners with Chairman Hubbard presiding.

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

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

Chairman Hubbard recognized guests, Villis Dowden, Renee Crews and Hadley Hubbard.

Gary Bedgood reported that all the boat ramps were satisfactory condition but they will need rock at Westwind. On motion by Austin and seconded by Cooper the Commission agreed to purchase the necessary rock and reimburse Gary Bedgood or pay the contractor directly. Commissioners Bedgood and Austin continue to work on the "no camping" signs. Chairman Hubbard advised that he can get the posts for the erection of the signs. It was reported that the rail had been put up on the recreation area.

Villis Dowden gave a report on lake management. There was one fish gate at the dam which was stuck due to a log and the DOTD is trying to get the log removed. It was reported that 554 acres of giant savlania have been treated with contractors and 129 acres treated by state crews. 600-700 acres still need to be sprayed. Wildlife and Fisheries hope to have 3 boats going everyday next week.

The duck blind rules have been posted on the Facebook page.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven Crews advised that the harassment law has been passed and has now become effective. Mr. Crews was instructed to continue the process to get the 2:00 p.m. closing of the Preserve.

Chairman Hubbard and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Crews agreed check Delta Waterfowl concerning the grant money.

Mr. Crews advised that he was going to send the updated duck blind rules to Abe Ackel and we would have further discussion at the upcoming meeting.

On motion by Bedgood and seconded by Austin the Commission agreed to increase the payment to Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven Crews to \$600.00 per month.

Mr. Crews was asked to check on the status of the inspection of the new boat ramp with the contractor.

On motion by Austin and seconded by Bedgood the Commission agreed to re-appoint Gary

Bedgood, Larry Cooper and Shane Hubbard.

On motion by Austin and seconded by Ackel the invoices totaling \$940.00 were approved.

Mr. Crews was asked to check with President John Salter about his last letter.

Unless specifically provided herein, any and all motions were unanimously adopted at the meeting.

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

Steven D. CREWS