

MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA GAME
AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on June 5, 2025

Present were Commissioners Ackel, Cason, Woodard, Cooper, Lonadier, Austin, and Chairman Shane Hubbard.

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

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

Chairman Hubbard recognized several guests.

Concerning boat ramps, Lonadier, Cason and Hubbard agreed to jointly monitor the boat ramps.

Concerning lake management, biologist Villis Dowden gave a report on the status of fish in the lake. Additionally, the Wildlife and Fisheries gave recommendation regarding the drawdown of the lake. The Wildlife and Fisheries advised that a drawdown of the lake was necessary for proper management of the salvinia. After a motion by Austin, which was seconded by Cason, the Wildlife and Fisheries were instructed to begin drawdown of the lake on or around July 14, 2025. The drawdown will terminate on or around the first week of October, 2025. In the same motion, the Commission did adopt Resolution No. 4 of 2025 which provided the following:

1. The Commission hereby requests that the Wildlife and Fisheries conduct a drawdown of the lake on or around July 14, 2025.
2. The drawdown shall be terminated on or around the first week of October, 2025.

Concerning the Facebook page, this issue is tabled until the next Commissioner's meeting in August of 2025.

Concerning duck blind rules, there is nothing new to report.

Concerning the damage to guardrail, Adam Sullivan reported that the original settlement check was erroneously made payable to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries instead of the Northwest Louisiana Game and Fish Preserve Commission. After speaking with Progressive, the original check was canceled, and a new check was issued payable to the correct entity. Adam Sullivan will deposit the check.

Concerning permanently barricading the recreational pier, Hubbard contacted an adjacent landowner who voiced approval for the construction of a barricade. After a motion by Cason, which was seconded by Austin, the Commission approved the construction of a gate to serve as a permanent barricade to access of the recreational pier. However, the gate shall be accessible by affected landowners, law enforcement personnel, and the utility company.

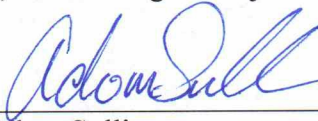
Concerning the updated Commissioner's List, the commissioners will provide their contact information so that Adam Sullivan can update the list with the correct information.

Concerning invoices, on a motion by Austin and seconded by Cason, the Commission approved payment of invoices for the past two months as well as future invoices for Derwood Wilson for the months of June and July for mowing and general landscaping work.

Concerning the consolidation of bank accounts, Adam Sullivan discussed the need to consolidate the two bank accounts to make bookkeeping easier. On a motion by Cason and seconded by Ackel, the Commission approved the transfer of the funds in the City Bank account to the Exchange Bank account. Adam Sullivan will get with Cason to initiate this transfer.

Concerning the proposed agreement with Red River IT Consultants, Hubbard provided the Commission with a proposed contract between the Commission and Red River IT Consultants. The contract would provide the Commission with software that would allow holders of duck blind permits to better identify the location of their duck blinds with GPS coordinates. However, the Commission discussed whether these services would be in its best financial interest. The Commission agreed to revisit this issue at the meeting in August of 2025.

On a motion by Cason and seconded by Ackel, the meeting did adjourn.



Adam Sullivan