

MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA GAME
AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on April 3, 2025

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

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

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

Chairman Hubbard recognized guests Adam Sullivan (applicant for new Assistant Secretary Treasurer), Jarred Woodard, Richard Waters, Chris Lonadier, Villis Dowden and Kane Finkbeiner.

Concerning boat ramps there was no news to report.

Concerning lake management Biologist Dowden advised that several weeks ago they did a standard sample. Sixty bass per hour were obtained which is a little improvement over the last standard sample of fifty bass per hour. However it is still showing poor recruitment. The size did appear to be good. There were many white perch in the sample as well.

Biologist Finkbeiner then gave a report on the vegetation. He said the cold winter temperatures did help. They have executed a spray contract for twenty days to spray the remaining giant salvinia that is on the lake. We will still probably need a draw down as the salvinia should start to rapidly grow when temperatures get warmer. The effect of weevils on the giant salvinia is still being studied.

There is nothing new to report on the Facebook page.

The Commission expressed an interest to continue to pursue a 2:00 p.m. closing time for duck hunting on all of the lakes. Assistant Secretary Treasurer Steven Crews was advised to follow up with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

After some discussion upon motion by Cason and seconded by Cooper the duck blind rules, as amended, were adopted.

Assistant Secretary Treasurer Steven Crews reported that the insurance money for the damage to the guard rail system on the recreation pier had been approved and the check should be received shortly.

There was then some discussion concerning unmarked and unattended yo-yos. The public is encouraged to follow the law and tend the yo-yos as required and to have their name and address on each yo-yo. The Commission was going to start asking Wildlife and Fisheries to enforce these requirements.

There were no invoices to submit.

On new business the Commissioners discussed the vacancies. After some discussion and on motion properly made the Commission approved Jarred Woodard as the candidate from Red River Parish.

After some discussion and upon motion properly made the Commission voted to accept Chris Lonadier as the Natchitoches Parish Commissioner.

We agreed to allow LZ Trichel to continue to do the mowing of Westwind.

Assistant Secretary Treasurer Steven Crews was then asked to approach Durwood Wilson concerning maintenance necessary on the other boat ramps. On motion by Cason and seconded by Austin the Commission adopted Resolutions No. 1 and 2 of 2025 thanking Gary Bedgood and Jackie Tingle for their years of dedicated service on the Northwest Louisiana Game and Fish Preserve Commission.

Assistant Secretary Treasurer Steven Crews advised the Commission that he would be relinquishing his role as Assistant Secretary Treasurer and presented Attorney Adam Sullivan as his new replacement.

The Commission recognized that there needed to be changes to the existing accounts, including the checkbook accounts and the Certificate of Deposit. On motion by Austin and seconded by Cooper the Commission did adopt Resolution No. 3 of 2025 which provided the following:

1. Steven D. Crews is allowed to withdraw as Assistant Secretary Treasurer of Northwest Louisiana Game and Fish Preserve Commission;
2. Adam Sullivan is enrolled as the new Assistant Secretary Treasurer of the Northwest Louisiana Game and Fish Preserve Commission;
3. The Commission asked that the Bank of Montgomery to remove Steven D. Crews as the contact information for the Certificate of Deposit No. 5013858 and to place a two signature requirement on this Certificate of Deposit with Adam Sullivan being one of the signatories and Corey Cason being the other signatory;
4. The Commission further instructs Exchange Bank and Trust Company under Account No. 9900527 in the name of the Northwest Louisiana Game and Fish Preserve Commission to remove Steven D. Crews as the signatory and in his place Adam Sullivan; and
5. The Commission further instructs City Bank and Trust Company under Account No. 5410657 in the name of the Northwest Louisiana Game and Fish Preserve Commission to remove Steven D. Crews as the signatory and in his place Adam Sullivan.

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

STEVEN D. CREWS