

MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA GAME
AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on December 5, 2024

Present were all Commissioners with Chairman Shane Hubbard presiding.

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

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

Chairman Hubbard recognized Wildlife and Fisheries employees, Villis Dowden and Kane Finkbeiner.

Commissioner Bedgood gave a report on the boat ramps. They are in good shape except for the markers have once again been broken on Dickson. The Commission decided not to expend the funds to replace them since they would only be broken again.

Villis Dowden and Kane Finkbeiner then gave a report on lake management. There will need to be a plan of draw downs because of the continuing problem with giant salvinia. The Black Lake Complex is currently one of the worst invested lakes in the north part of Louisiana. They are spraying 250 acres. The main concern is that the other lakes are in such good shape that the majority of the funding has been spent on Black Lake. However, that will not continue. Consequently we will need to consider a draw down this year and subsequent years. Their proposal would begin in July and would end sometime in November or December.

Chairman Hubbard advised that the Facebook page was in good shape.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven Crews was going to check on the closing of duck season at 2:00 p.m.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven Crews and Commissioner Abe Ackel will get together concerning the duck blind rules.

Chairman Hubbard advised the Delta Waterfowl funds have been received and that rock would be purchased for use on the boat ramps per prior discussions.

The Lonadier Landing boat ramp passed inspection and was in good shape. There needs to be some bush hogging and they were going to check and see if there is anyone in that area who could bush hog.

With no other old business the Commission went to new business.

Concerning new business on motion by Cooper and seconded by Austin, Jackie Tingle was reappointed. He is encouraged to submit his application to Steven Crews who can submit it to the Parish Council.

There were no invoices to submit.

Steven Crews said he would check on the status of the damage to the guardrail at the recreation pier. The Commission is of the opinion that we should permanently barricade the recreation pier as it has been nothing but a trash dump.

On motion by Austin and seconded by Tingle the payment of \$250.00 to Joey Blackmon was ratified.

On motion by Cason and seconded by Tingle the payment of \$400.00 to LZ Trichel was ratified.

On motion by Cason and seconded by Cooper the Commission agreed to pay the rental to Connie Bedgood for the Dickson boat ramp.

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

STEVEN D. CREWS