

MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA GAME  
AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on February 6, 2025

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

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

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

Chairman Hubbard recognized guests from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Concerning boat ramps there is some rock or iron ore missing from Westwind. No one seemed to know anything about the missing material. We are going to continue to check to see if we can find out anything. On the recreation area/pier Villis Dowden is continuing to work with the Department of Transportation and Development to see if we can get some concrete barriers to seal it off. Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven Crews advised he would check with the Parish Council to see if that was a possibility.

The "No Camping" signs have been obtained and Steven Crews is authorized to issue payment for the invoice, if it has not already been paid.

Concerning lake management Villis Dowden, Clayton Simmons and Kane Finkbeiner gave a report. Villis Dowden is working on obtaining some artificial structures to place in the lake. The cold weather was good for salvinia control. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is going to suggest a draw down due to a large presence of giant salvinia. The coverage looks a little worse this year than last year.

Chairman Hubbard advised that the Facebook page is okay.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven Crews had nothing to report concerning the 2:00 p.m. closing for duck season.

A draft of the duck blind rules was presented to the Commissioners for review and discussion at the next meeting.

On motion by Austin and seconded by Ackel the payment of \$5,950.00 to Double D Haulin' LLC was ratified.

There was nothing to report concerning the claim involving the guard rail.

On new business Jackie Tingle and Gary Bedgood advised the Commission that this would be their last meeting.

On motion by Austin and seconded by Bedgood the Commission re-appointed Larry Cooper and Shane Hubbard.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven Crews asked the Commission to bring the names of any suggested replacements to fill the seats held by Gary Bedgood and Jackie Tingle. Tingle is a Natchitoches Parish appointment and Bedgood was a Red River Parish appointment.

On motion by Bedgood and seconded by Austin the Commission approved reimbursement to Steven Crews in the amount of \$38.23 for board meeting expense.

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

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STEVEN D. CREWS