

MINUTES OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA  
GAME AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on June 3, 2014

Present were Chairman Brown and Commissioners Lonadier, Wilson, Self, Fowler and Bedgood.

On motion by Fowler and seconded by Bedgood the minutes were approved as written.

Chairman Brown recognized guest Renee' Crews and Wildlife Biologist Ricky Moses.

Commissioner Wilson then gave a report on the boat ramps. He said there is continued erosion at Sandy Point. A concerned citizen was in attendance and he agreed to check with the landowners in the area about installing a culvert to divert the water. Wilson also advised that the Dickson needs some rock.

Ricky Yeldell then gave a report concerning lake management. He said the lake complex is fairly clean of aquatic growth at this time. He did say there is some submerged vegetation. He also advised that the drawdown has been recommended but is subject to final approval. If approved it will take place between July 1, 2014 and January 31, 2015. He also advised that the carp appear to be beneficial in the control of aquatic growth.

Assistant Secretary Steven Crews was asked to write Ken Guidry with the Red River Waterway Commission concerning the proposed drawdown and some coordination with the Corps of Engineers.

Chairman Brown advised that the leakage at the fish gates would be addressed during the drawdown.

There was then some general discussion concerning the recreation area.

The Black Lake Citizen's Committee had nothing to report.

Chairman Brown advised that a lake-wide cleanup would be set at some point in the future. He said the purpose of the cleanup would be to remove trash and unattended trot lines, limb lines, yo-yos, etc. He urged everyone to start removing their unattended fishing devices before the cleanup.

There was then some discussion concerning placing metal rods in the lake bed. The Commission agreed that permanent metal rods should not be driven into the lake bed. Ricky Moses and Steven Crews were going to research to see if there was any general rule or prohibition.

The renaming of Sandy Point Boat Launch was tabled with no further discussion at this time.

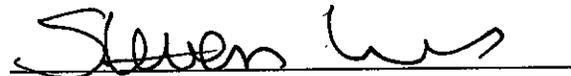
An invoice was submitted for clean up work at the various locations and was approved on motion by Bedgood and seconded by Self.

Steven Crews then asked for reimbursement for the supper provided to the guest speakers at the aquatic growth seminar held in May. On motion by Self and seconded by Lonadier the reimbursement was approved.

On motion by Self and seconded by Lonadier the Commission did agree to reappoint Tom Runyon, Durwood Wilson and Arthur Brown, Jr. The reappointment would take place when their current term ends on August 4, 2014. Assistant Secretary Steven Crews was asked to contact Tom Runyon to see if he wanted to accept the reappointment.

There was then a general discussion about the salvinia meeting in May.

On motion by Lonadier and seconded by Self the meeting did adjourn.

  
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STEVEN D. CREWS  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER