

MINUTES OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA
GAME AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on August 5, 2014

Present were Commissioners Brown, Lonadier, Bedgood, Runyon and Wilson.

On motion by Runyon and seconded by Wilson the minutes were adopted as written.

Chairman Brown recognized guests Senator and Mrs. Gerald Long, Don Welch with the Black Lake Citizen's Committee and Renee' Crews.

There was discussion concerning dying foliage on the Cypress trees around the new bridge.

Durwood Wilson gave a report on the boat ramp. He indicated that rock would be necessary on all of the boat ramps at some point. He also had met with Charles Cloud concerning the continued erosion problem at the CD Baker Boat Launch. He was waiting for an estimate and would forward it to Assistant Secretary Treasurer Steven Crews for review. There was also some discussion about dredging to allow people to use the boat ramps. Mr. Wilson will get a bid from the owner of the necessary machinery and supplies to Assistant Secretary Treasurer Steven Crews.

There was then a lot of discussion concerning lake management. There was very little current flow in the lake at this time. Senator Long reported that they were having a good result on Saline Lake with the drawdown. Commission Bedgood pointed out that the drawdown will help with submerged vegetation and help with the silt issues and allow for better spawning grounds. The Commissioners also discussed the possibility of additional methods of further drawdown. Assistant Secretary Treasurer Steven Crews was asked to write the Red River Waterway Commission and the Department of Transportation and Development for assistance.

The recreation area was reported to be in good shape.

Assistant Secretary Treasurer Steven Crews was asked to write Sheriff Jones about trash pickup at the Black Lake Dam and additional patrols on the lake while it is in the period of the drawdown.

Chairman Brown advised that the fish gates needed to be repaired while the water level was low.

Don Welch then gave a report on the Black Lake Citizens Committee. He advised that the CD Baker Boat Launch signs had been erected. There was also a great deal of discussion concerning the drawdown. Mr. Welch questioned the necessity and effectiveness of the drawdown.

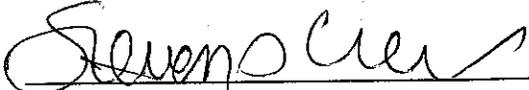
There was then discussion concerning lake clean up and the Commission decided to run a campaign in the newspaper entitled "Clean Up Saturday in September" for the first two Saturdays. Anyone with unattended trot lines, yo-yos or limb lines were asked to remove them prior to the clean up and the members were also going to look at removing anything driven into the lake bed.

On motion by Runyon and seconded by Lonadier the Commission agreed to pay the invoice submitted for mowing and pick up at the boat ramps.

On motion by Runyon and seconded by Lonadier the payment for the CD Baker Boat Launch signs was ratified.

Commissioner Bedgood asked if the lake could be restocked with redfin shad and Commissioner Wilson asked if the lake could be stocked with regular black bass.

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


STEVEN D. CREWS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER