

MINUTES OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA
GAME AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on October 7, 2014

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

Chairman Brown opened the meeting and recognized guests Ricky Yeldell and Sean Kinney and Renee' Crews.

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

Durwood Wilson then gave a very good presentation concerning the boat ramps. A great deal of work has been done at Westwind and Durwood Wilson was advised to complete the work as necessary for people to be able to use the boat ramp. He also advised he was continuing to look at the possibility of doing some erosion control at C.D. Baker Boat Landing and perhaps to pave the parking lot. He was advised to get with Nick Verrett of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury and Assistant Secretary Treasurer Steven Crews to come up with a plan to present at the meeting in December.

Commissioner Wilson then advised that the remaining boat ramps look satisfactory.

Ricky Yeldell then discussed lake management. He advised that the water level is up a few inches due to the recent rains and water is still going through the gates. The Department of Transportation and Development would be coming to try and fix the fish gates this week. He said the lake now consists of mostly open water and they have had a good result with the underwater vegetation. He also advised that a decision on when the gates would be closed will be made in the near future. He indicated that they had to review the effectiveness of the grass carp and several other factors before deciding when to close the gates. He also advised it might be a two year draw down.

The recreation area was reported as satisfactory.

The clean up was reported as unsuccessful due to wet and boggy conditions of the lake bed.

Several members of the Black Lake Citizens Committee posed numerous questions which were mostly answered by Biologist Ricky Yeldell.

The Commission wanted to thank Sheriff Victor Jones for the clean up work that his crew has done.

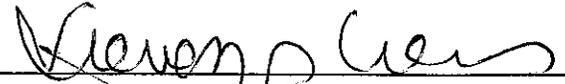
There was then some discussion concerning using the syphon approach to draw more water off the lake. It was generally reported that would not be economically feasible.

Biologist Yeldell advised against stocking the lake with black bass and shad because he said it would be a waste of money. He felt we had enough fish in the lake to reproduce. We just need to improve the conditions.

On motion by Bedgood and seconded by Lonadier invoices from Ben Bryant and Anne Childress were approved.

On motion by Lonadier and seconded by Wilson the Commission unanimously agreed to pass Resolution Number 3 of 2014 thanking Ricky Yeldell for his years of service.

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



STEVEN D. CREWS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER