MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA GAME AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on October 3, 2024

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

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

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

Chairman Hubbard introduced guests, Villis Dowden and Clayton Simmons.

Commissioner Bedgood advised that the boat ramps look okay but they do need some rock. Inquires were made concerning the funding from Delta Waterfowl. Upon receipt of that funding we would do the rock work necessary at the boat ramps.

Villis Dowden gave a report for the Wild Life and Fisheries Department. A stocking request has been put in for a certain strain of black bass. The DOTD closed the fish gate at the dam. The three year survey has been completed and they are waiting on the final analysis. Clayton Simmons advised that it has been hard to get contract sprayers. They have been working below the bridge this week but hope next week to move above the bridge. The work would help some with the alligator grass. The Commissioners voiced problems throughout the lake complex about vegetation. Mr. Simmons agreed to look and see what he could do.

Chairman Hubbard advised that the Facebook page was proceeding as planned.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven Crews advised he would follow up concerning the 2:00 p.m. closing of the lake complex for duck season.

Chairman Hubbard asked that Steve Crews and Abe Ackel work on an amendment to the duck blind rules.

We were waiting to receive the check from Delta Waterfowl.

The final Lonadier Landing boat ramp inspection with the contractor has yet to be set. Steven Crews advised he will follow up.

On motion by Austin and seconded by Tingle the Commission agreed to re-appoint Shane Hubbard, Gary Bedgood and Larry Cooper.

On motion by Cooper and seconded by Tingle the Commission accepted the two invoices submitted by Durwood Wilson for work in August and September 2024 and the \$1,000.00 estimate submitted for removal of the oak tree at Allen Dam. There was then a discussion concerning the

guardrail damage at the recreation pier. On motion by Cason and seconded by Cooper the Commission agreed to proceed with a claim against the driver and/or his insurer.

There was then a discussion concerning permanently barricading the recreation pier. Any decision has been tabled until we receive further information concerning repairs from the insurance carrier for the at fault driver.

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

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

STEVEN D. CREWS