

MINUTES OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA  
GAME AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on June 5, 2012

Present were Commissioners Self, Runyon, Stewart, Wilson, W. Brown, Moore and Chairman Arthur Brown, Jr.

On motion by Self and seconded by Runyon the minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written.

Guests included members of the Black Lake Citizens Committee and Ricky Yeldell, biologist with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

There was no new information concerning the 16" cap.

Durwood Wilson then provided information concerning the boat ramps. He explained in detail the statements that were provided by Anne Childress. There were some trees that had been cut down and were still there and piled up. He had raised the issue of whether he should continue to have the mowing cut all the way to the dump or perhaps somewhere shorter than that. There was some discussion to reduce the amount of mowing and see how it goes.

Ricky Yeldell with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries gave a report on lake management. He found there to be no problems with the fish population. They were able to find some grass carp but was unsure how many.

He also discussed the yo yo regulations and the trot line regulations which were pending. He was unsure if this legislation had passed but would let the Commission know in the future.

Mr. Yeldell further discussed the management of plant growth. He did not feel it was necessary for a drawdown at this time and that the grass carp had been fairly effective. As the Commission had previously provided the grass carp he stated that Wildlife & Fisheries would provide any grass carp that are used in the future.

The discussion of the Black Lake fishing pier/recreation area was tabled until the next meeting.

No Wake signs have been placed by Durwood Wilson.

The Commission approved the invoice from Anne Childress for the hauling and spreading of rock in West Wind and Sandy Point and for mowing, spraying and general clean up. This bill totaled \$942.90. On motion by Brown and seconded by Runyon this payment was approved.

A second invoice was submitted by Anne Childress for further bushhogging and weeding in the amount of \$70.00. On motion by Runyon and seconded by Brown this invoice was unanimously approved.

Chairman Brown raised the issue of the fish gate that needs to be repaired due to leaking. Previously Assistant Secretary Treasurer Steven D. Crews had written the Department of Transportation & Development and someone had inspected the gate. The Commission requested that Assistant Secretary Treasurer Steven D. Crews contact the Department of Transportation & Development and request that the gate be inspected.

Commissioner Stewart raised the issue of when and how the gates were to be opened. There was discussion by the Commission as to when the gates would open and who would make that decision. Chairman Brown stated that in the past the Commission had agreed that they had set a lake level at which to make the determination when the gates would be opened. Commissioner Wilson pointed out that he was able to contact Assistant Secretary Treasurer Steven D. Crews in the past who would in turn contact the Department of Transportation & Development to request the gates be opened.

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

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER