

MINUTES OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA
GAME AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on April 7, 2015

Present were Commissioners Fowler, Bedgood, Runyon, Wilson, Selg and Chairman Arthur Brown, Jr.

Chairman Arthur Brown, Jr. recognized his daughter Krystal Brown, Renee' Crews, Sean Kinney of the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries and Don Welch of the Black Lake Citizen's Committee.

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

Concerning old business Durwood Wilson gave a report on the boat ramps. He advised that the recreational area was in good shape and that Westwind and Dickson were both okay. He further advised that he would look at additional rock when the lake level recedes. He and Commissioners Wilson and Bedgood then gave a report on the CD Baker Boat Ramp. Assistant Secretary Treasurer Steven D. Crews was asked to send Commissioners Wilson and Bedgood information pertaining to ownership and the boundaries of the boat ramp. They were continuing to work on a possible fix for the continued erosion. Sean Kinney of the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries then gave a report on lake management. He said the lakes look great and they observe very minor floating vegetation during a recent survey. He also advised the fish gates were not open. He further advised that the primary goal of the drawdown was soil compaction and the secondary goal was vegetation control. He thought the drawdown was beneficial in both areas.

Mr. Welch advised, on behalf of the Black Lake Citizen's Committee, that there was nothing to report.

On new business an invoice submitted by Anne Childress was approved by motion of Runyon and seconded by Bedgood.

Assistant Secretary Treasurer Steven D. Crews advised that as per the Resolution the available funds were placed in a Certificate of Deposit with the Bank of Montgomery. There was then much discussion concerning the opening and closing of the gates and Resolution Number 5 of 1997. Sean Kinney advised that there could be problems with introduction of Asian carp if the gates are open and the water levels are similar on both sides of the dam. Don Welch also advised that the Black Lake Citizen's Committee had some comments concerning Resolution Number 5 of 1997 and adopting certain criteria on opening and closing the gates. He agreed to send those to Steven D. Crews for review.

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



STEVEN D. CREWS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER