

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA
GAME AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION**

Meeting held on February 5, 2019

Present were Chairman Lonadier and Commissioners Hubbard, Cooper, Tingle, Bedgood and Wilson.

Chairman Lonadier recognized Commissioners Bedgood and Hubbard who called the meeting to order.

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

Chairman Lonadier recognized guests Aline Slaughter and Villis Dowden.

There was then discussion concerning boat ramps. On Dickson it was reported the crushed concrete needed to be hauled. On motion by Hubbard and seconded by Cooper, Commissioner Bedgood was authorized to obtain and spread the crushed concrete. At Westwind at least two loads of rock/gravel was necessary. On motion by Tingle and seconded by Bedgood, Commissioner Wilson was authorized to obtain the loads of rock/gravel. C.D. Baker was reported to be in good shape.

Villis Dowden then gave a report on lake management. He said the gates were closed last week and no drawdown would be expected this coming year. He also said there would be a population assessment of bass and crappie in 2020/2021. Commissioner Bedgood then asked why salvinia was allowed to come to our lake from Grand Bayou. A discussion ensued between Biologist Villis Dowden and Commissioner Bedgood. No further decisions were made.

Chairman Lonadier reported that we are continuing to work on a boat ramp on the east side.

There was then discussion concerning the recreation area. It was determined that there were some holes that needed to be filled and barricades needed to be placed. Villis Dowden was working with the DOTD to see if they could place some concrete barricades. On motion by Hubbard and seconded by Tingle, Commissioner Wilson was authorized to do the dirt work to fill in the holes in conjunction with the placement of the concrete barriers by the DOTD.

Chairman Lonadier reported that the compactor station information had been turned over to President Nowlin and he was awaiting a response.

The Commission then discussed the possibility of widening the Dickson Boat Ramp. This will be reviewed during the next drawdown.

Concerning new business an invoice was submitted for approval. On motion by Bedgood and seconded by Cooper, the invoice was authorized.

Aline Slaughter then reported some construction that was occurring on Sonny Black Road. She was advised to contact the DEQ about burying cypress trees and to contact the Corps of Engineers concerning any boat ramps or other construction involving the lake bed.

With no other business to report on motion by Cooper and seconded by Hubbard, the meeting did adjourn.



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