

MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA GAME  
AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on December 7, 2021

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

On motion by Hubbard and seconded by Bedgood, Chairman Lonadier called the meeting to order.

He recognized Villis Dowden of the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, Parish President John Richmond and Candace Hubbard.

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

Concerning old business there was much discussion concerning potential revenue sources. Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven Crews was instructed to meet with Senator Louie Bernard about perhaps creating a Taxing District.

Commissioners Bedgood and Wilson then gave a report on the boat ramps. On motion by Hubbard and seconded by Tingle, the Commission voted to allow Durwood Wilson to work with Joey Creamer about possible rock work and additional concrete work on the existing slab at the Dickson Boat Ramp. Commissioner Wilson was given the authority to authorize any work but first to check with Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven Crews before incurring any expense for the Commission.

There was then much discussion concerning the old Allen Dam and needed work.

Villis Dowden then gave a report on lake management. He said they are continuing to obtain fish samples and this is the first of three (3) years. Thus far they found quite a few small crappie which indicates good recruitment. He also found quite a few bream. It initially appeared that the bass population was down a little. He said spraying is continuing concerning vegetation. There was also discussion concerning the need for research on a time release herbicide.

Chairman Lonadier reported to the Commission that work was continuing for the boat ramp on the east side and he hopes to meet with the members of the Corps and Department of Wildlife in the next ten days.

Commissioner Hubbard reported that work continues on the Facebook page. He also advised he would post on the page that we intend to close the gates on January 30, 2022.

The Commissioners were provided proposed information concerning the placement of metal rods in the lake bed. The Commissioners were requested to review the information so that a general discussion could be had at the February meeting.

Nothing to report concerning the recreation area.

Concerning new business the payment to L.Z. Trichel in the amount of \$400.00 was approved on motion by Wilson and seconded by Hubbard.

On motion by Hubbard and seconded by Tingle the Commission agreed to pay Connie Bedgood \$1,200.00 for the boat ramp rental for 2022.

There was then discussion concerning the pipe at the Sandy Point. It was in an area that did not pose a danger to boat traffic and it would become submerged again as soon as the lake level went back up. In light of the fact that it is not posing a risk, the Commission decided not to take any action at this time.

Any information concerning Gary Jackson was tabled.

President Richmond then had a discussion with the Commission concerning a compactor station at the old Allen Dam site. President Richmond said that any such location would have to be under fence and would have to be manned. He was going to begin work on perhaps preparing a cooperative endeavor agreement.

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



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