

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

Meeting held on October 3, 2017

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

On motion by Self and seconded by Hubbard, the meeting was called to order.

On motion by Cooper and seconded by Wilson the minutes were adopted as written.

Chairman Lonadier recognized Villis Dowden and Wesley Maddox of the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries along with Renee' Crews.

There was much discussion concerning the boat ramps. Commissioner Bedgood advised that one of the markers had been removed at the Dickson Boat Ramp. He would perform the repairs. It was also reported that Westwind has a wash and needs some rock. Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven Crews was asked to write the Police Jury about helping with the work.

There was then some discussion concerning the C.D. Baker Boat Ramp. Apparently someone is throwing logs/limbs on the parking lot. Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven Crews was asked to request that Sheriff Victor Jones investigate the matter.

There was then much discussion concerning lake management. Villis Dowden and Wesley Maddox gave a report. The drawdown is now back on track with the drier weather. There will be a smaller presence by Wildlife & Fisheries due to the drawdown. Villis Dowden will be providing a comprehensive spray report in early December. He also advised that if the weather conditions were favorable they would consider extending the drawdown in January/February of 2018. The Commissioners unanimously asked the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries to consider keeping the lake drawn down to at least the end of January and perhaps into early February of 2018.

On motion made and seconded the Commission did adopt Resolution Number 4 of 2017 asking the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries to extend the drawdown to at least January 31, 2017.

The fishing pier is in good shape but there are some holes that need to be repaired on the other side of the barrier.

There was then some discussion concerning the extension of the Dickson Boat Ramp lease. On motion by Wilson and seconded by Hubbard the Commission approved the extension and authorized Winfred Lonadier to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Villis Dowden advised that the State of Louisiana will be repairing the trash gates at the dam in the coming weeks.

Wesley Maddox then gave a report on the feasibility of using aerial application for herbicide. He said the only possible area could be perhaps Clear Lake and South Black Lake. He said it was not feasible up near the bridge and, in particular, west of the bridge.

Concerning new business, on motion by Bedgood and seconded by Cooper the invoice for work through September 1 through October 3 was approved.

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


STEVEN D. CREWS