

MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA GAME
AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on October 4, 2022

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

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

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

Various guests were introduced including all of the personnel from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Commissioner Wilson advised that all boat ramps have been mowed and are in good condition.

Villis Dowden of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries gave a report on lake management. He said the creel checks were low and he had no explanation. He also said the draw down was about at its lowest point. He hoped to do a water quality study in 2023 and 2023 would also be the third year of his three year fish population assessment. He lastly advised that the new fish regulations concerning netting and passive gear went into effect in September 2022.

Kane Finkbeiner then gave a report concerning vegetation. He said the contract applicators sprayed thirty-three out of forty days beginning in September 2022 and there were seven days remaining on the contract. He said the draw down was helping with vegetation control.

Chairman Lonadier then gave a report on the new boat ramp location on the east side of the lake complex. He advised that all the permits had been issued and the project was proceeding. They had done preparation work for the road and hoped to complete the entrance road in October. There was also going to be some work at the mitigation site. He advised the Commission that there has never been a public boat ramp on the east side of the lake.

Commissioner Hubbard then gave a report on the Facebook page. The Commission thanked Mr. Hubbard for his dedicated work in producing and maintaining the Facebook page.

Commissioner Wilson advised that the recreation area was in good condition.

On motion by Cooper and seconded by Tingle the Commission tabled, for the time being, the appointment of a new Commissioner.

Commissioner Wilson advised that the power line at the Dickson Boat Ramp had been removed and he was in the process of having the old oak tree removed.

On motion by Hubbard and seconded by Tingle the invoice presented was approved for payment.

There was then discussion and the Commission reiterated the requirement that any duck blind built could not be built within three hundred and fifty yards of an existing location. It was pointed out that some residence from Winnfield had built a duck blind location too close to an existing location. Assistant Secretary Steven Crews advised the Commission that he would get a phone number for those involved and contact them about the location of the new duck blind.

On new business there was discussion concerning cleaning the CD Baker ditch. No action was taken.

A concerned citizen then presented information concerning keeping the draw down in existence through February and perhaps charging some fees for the new boat ramp. No action was taken.

On motion made and properly seconded the meeting was adjourned.

STEVEN D. CREWS