

MINUTES OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA
GAME AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on April 1, 2014

Present were Commissioners Runyon, Self, Wilson and Brown.

On motion by Self and seconded by Runyon the minutes were adopted as written.

Black Lake Citizen's Committee was present along with Renee' Crews.

Steven D. Crews advised the Commission that the Red River Parish Police Jury had appointed Gary Bedgood as their representative.

On motion by Self and seconded by Bedgood the Commission agreed to appoint H.M. "Buddy" Fowler, Jr. as the other Red River Parish Police Jury appointee.

Durwood Wilson then gave a report on the boat ramps. He advised that Dickson could possibly need some rock. He also advised that he still needed to talk with Nick Verrett of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury concerning the erosion issue at Sandy Point.

Lake management was then discussed and it was mentioned that the Commission needed to explore the possibility of using weevils to combat the salvania infestation.

The fishing pier was then discussed and it was advised that it needs to have a springtime mowing and general clean up. Durwood Wilson agreed to check on that.

The fish gates were still leaking but no update and they are currently under water.

Commissioner Fowler then gave a report concerning Grand Bayou and said that Grand Bayou was considering a drawdown this year.

The Black Lake Citizen's Committee was then recognized and they advised that they were opposed to a drawdown. There was also a great deal of discussion concerning how to combat the aquatic vegetation issues in our lakes. Everyone agreed to set up a joint meeting between weevil experts who have dealings on Cross Lake and Lake Bistineau.

The Commission then discussed renaming the Sandy Point Boat Ramp to the C.D. Baker Boat Ramp. Don Welch, on behalf of the Black Lake Citizen's Committee, agreed to move forward and he was advised that the Commission would pay for the cost of erecting the signs.

On motion by Runyon and seconded by Brown the invoice for trash pickup in the amount of \$40.00 was approved.

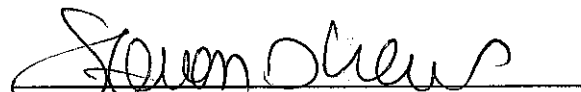
On motion by Runyon, and seconded by Brown, Winfred Lonadier was accepted as a Commissioner to replace Johnny Stewart, subject to the approval of Senator Gerald Long.

Steven D. Crews then gave a report concerning a request from DOTD for general indemnification. No action was taken.

There was then a great deal of discussion concerning a drawdown. On motion by Brown and seconded by Wilson the Commission did pass Resolution Number 2 of 2014 requesting that the Wildlife & Fisheries conduct a drawdown to begin in the summer and carry through the winter months. Commissioner Self opposed the motion but the motion carried.

Chairman Brown then advised that we need to do a lake clean up this summer and remove all unattended and/or illegal yo-yos, trot lines, limb lines, trash, etc. On motion by Brown and seconded by Runyon the Commission did unanimously agree with this proposal.

On motion by Runyon and seconded by Self the meeting did adjourn.


STEVEN D. CREWS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER