

MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA GAME
AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on December 7, 2023

Present were Chairman Winfred Lonadier and Commissioners Cooper, Cason, Tingle and Bedgood.

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

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

Chairman Lonadier recognized the guests Eugene Austin, Danny Morgan, Wesley Maddox and Villis Dowden.

Concerning old business there was nothing to report concerning the boat ramps.

Villis Dowden and Wesley Maddox gave a report on lake management. They are nearing the three year game fish assessment. The crappie appear healthy but the population is small. The bass are small in general and the overall population is declining. The information is still being processed and reviewed and Villis Dowden hoped to present some corrective measures at the next meeting.

There is also discussion concerning the water turkeys and pelicans. The water turkey is a federally protected bird and nothing can be done.

Villis Dowden reported that the lake conditions needed to change in order to increase the size of the bass and the size of the crappie. Wesley Maddox reported that they have sprayed 1,772 acres of giant sylvia and there still is about 200 acres on the north end that still needs spraying.

Concerning the east boat ramp Winfred Lonadier reported that it was getting lots of use.

Nothing to report on the Facebook page.

Chairman Lonadier introduced and the Commission heard from prospective Commissioners Eugene Austin and Danny Morgan. After vote the Commission elected to appoint Eugene Austin to fill one of the vacant spots. There was no other old business to discuss.

Concerning new business there were no invoices submitted.

Assistant Secretary Steven Crews said he would send a draft of the proposed amendment to the duck blind rules and regulations to review at the next meeting.

On motion by Hubbard and seconded by Cason the Commission voted to adopt Resolution No. 7 of 2023 providing that there will be no overnight camping within the confines of the preserve.

On motion made by Bedgood and seconded by Trichel the payment to B.O. Jones Tree Service, LLC was ratified.

On motion by Hubbard and seconded by Tingle the LZ Trichel payment was ratified.

On motion by Bedgood and seconded by Cooper the Commission agreed to amend Revised Statute 56:648.1 to include the Northwest Louisiana Game and Fish Preserve and the area protected from harassment.

On motion by Cooper and seconded by Tingle the Commission agreed to pay Connie Bedgood for the ramp rental.

On motion by Cason and seconded by Hubbard the Commission agreed to pay the bill from Thomas and Cunningham for the audit.

The Commission discussed the work that was undertaken by Kinder Morgan concerning the pipeline. Assistant Secretary Steven Crews was asked to contact Kinder Morgan concerning the water usage and to obtain payment for same. On motion by Cason and seconded by Cooper the Commission agreed to let Eugene Austin obtain signs for the boat launches concerning the overnight camping.

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

STEVEN D. CREWS