

MINUTES OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA
GAME AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on February 4, 2014

Present were Commissioners Self, Wilson, Runyon, Stewart and Chairman Arthur Brown, Jr.

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

Chairman Brown recognized guests Ricky Yeldell and Sean Kinney of the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, Representative Terry Brown and numerous interested citizens and members of the Black Lake Citizen's Committee.

Commissioner Wilson provided a report on the boat ramps. He had met with Nick Verrett of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury concerning Sandy Point. Nick Verrett presented two possible solutions. Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven D. Crews was instructed to write Nick Verrett to obtain written guidelines to submit to obtain bids.

The Commission was advised that the recreational pier was satisfactory.

It was reported that there was an accident at Chandler's Camp.

Chairman Brown advised that the fish gates were still leaking but this is supposed to be fixed by DOTD this coming summer.

Don Welch then gave a report on behalf of the Black Lake Citizen's Committee. He said they were still working on obtaining federal non profit status and working on obtaining information concerning grants. Steven D. Crews agreed to write Representative Brown and Senator Long to see if there was a grant writer in the environmental area that could be contacted or retained.

There was also some discussion concerning getting the Natchitoches Fish Hatchery involved especially for research to handle the aquatic vegetation problems.

There was a report concerning renaming the Sandy Point Boat Ramp to C.D. Baker Boat Ramp. That plan is progressing.

On motion by Self and seconded by Runyon the invoice for trash pick up in the amount of \$40.00 was approved.

On motion by Runyon and seconded by Self the Commission ratified the payment Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven D. Crews made for the purchase and spreading of rock at the boat ramps.

The Commission then passed Resolution Number 1 of 2014 authorizing Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Steven D. Crews to invest up to \$110,000.00 in a twelve month Certificate of Deposit.

Ricky Yeldell, on behalf of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, gave a very exhaustive presentation of the Black Lake Management Plan. There was a great deal of public discussion and input and also a discussion of a possible drawdown during the summer of 2014.

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

Steven D. Crews

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER