

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

Meeting held on December 5, 2017

Present were all Commissioners along with guests from the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries and other concerned citizens.

On motion by Bedgood and seconded by Self, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Lonadier.

On motion by Hubbard and seconded by Wilson the minutes were approved as written.

There was then discussion concerning the boat ramps. C.D. Baker was in good condition. Villis Downden from the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries said there might be some funds available for boat ramp maintenance. He was going to obtain the forms and send them to the Fish & Game Commission for review. There was also discussion that there was ditch erosion occurring. We discussed various ways to stop the erosion. On Westwind and Dickson Boat Ramps, they need some rock and other work done. On motion by Cooper and seconded by Hubbard, Gary Bedgood and/or Durwood Wilson was authorized to obtain the rock and have it spread at both boat ramp locations.

There was then discussion concerning lake management presented by Villis Downden. He advised that 8,300 acres had been treated with herbicide. He said that was more than twice as much as ever done in the past. He also advised that the gates at the dam were recently closed. There was then much discussion and the Commission advised Villis Downden that during the next drawdown they would like the closing date to be no earlier than January 31 of the following year.

The fishing pier was reported to be in good shape.

On motion by Wilson and seconded by Hubbard the Commission approved paying the bill from L.Z. Trichel and the boat ramp rental payment to Connie Bedgood.

There was then discussion concerning a possible boat ramp location on the east side of Prairie Lake. On motion by Bedgood and seconded by Self the Commission adopted Resolution Number 5 of 2017 which authorizes Winfred Lonadier and Steven D. Crews to work with the landowner concerning the placement of a public boat launch on his property. This authorization would involve all preliminary matters including, but not limited to, a title exam and initial survey. The Resolution passed unanimously.

Villis Downden further reported that the Department of Transportation and Development had repaired the trash gates at the dam.

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



STEVEN D. CREWS