

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

SPECIAL INFORMAL MEETING IN BATON ROUGE

FEBRUARY 1, 1968

On Thursday, February 1, 1968, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission held a Special Informal Meeting in the Director's Office, Room 307, Old Peabody Hall, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 1:00 P. M., as called by Chairman Jones for the purpose of discussing the option of the purchase of land adjoining the Red River Wildlife Management Area, Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

Members present at the meeting were:

Mr. Jerry G. Jones, Chairman

Mr. H. Clay Wright, Vice-Chairman

Mr. H. B. Fairchild

Mr. Hobson Norris

Mr. Jimmie Thompson

ABSENT: Mr. John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Mr. Clarence A. Guidry

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and proceeded with the business at hand.

Dr. Leslie Glasgow and Mr. Richard Yancey explained in detail the proposal of the land purchase to the Commission. After considerable discussion, the following motion was approved as recommended by Dr. Glasgow and Mr. Yancey.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the quorum present on motion duly made by Mr. Hobson Norris and seconded by Mr. H. Clay Wright:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is greatly interested in establishing additional wildlife management areas in Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Commission initiated a program of land purchase in 1961 to accomplish this purpose and preserve at least a portion of the State's largely disappearing forest game ranges in various regions of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, a certain tract of land hereinafter particularly described, consisting of 4,009 acres, more or less, located in south Concordia Parish, has been offered for sale to the Commission for the full and true sum of \$925,000.00, and

WHEREAS, this particular tract has been appraised by James C. McNew, Jr., Appraiser, Colony Realty, Inc., at \$1,000,000.00, and

WHEREAS, this tract, if acquired, will make an excellent addition to the Red River Wildlife Management Area in lower Concordia Parish and as such an excellent potential for development as prime forest game range for wild turkey, deer, migratory waterfowl, and other forms of wildlife, and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this property has been carefully considered by the Chairman, the Director, and all members of this Commission, after which consideration, it is the conclusion of all members and the Director that the acquisition thereof would be most favorable and advantageous to the future welfare of the fish and wildlife as a wildlife management area and that the acquisition thereof will be mutually beneficial to the State of Louisiana, this Commission, and the citizens and residents of this State:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission purchase from the Maxwell heirs, namely,

Una Cross Maxwell

Carl B. Maxwell

Pearl Maxwell, wife of/and

John Alfred Pigg

Evelyn Jean Pigg Newcomb,

Roy B. White, and

Mary White McBride,

the following immovable property located and situated in Concordia Parish, Louisiana, and described as follows, to-wit:

A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND, together with all of the buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, known as the Grand Cutoff Plantation, fronting on the Mississippi River, more particularly described as follows: "All of Fractional Sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 35 and 36 in T. 3N., R. 8E., and Section 21, T 2N., R. 8E., containing 2,436.37 acres, and including and embracing all batture land and accretions formed on, or adjacent to, or bordering upon, or belonging to any, or all, of said sectional subdivisions; less and excepting any and all parts acquired by Texas & Pacific Railroad Company for railroad right-of-way and by the State of Louisiana for levee purposes. Being the same property acquired by the late M. B. Maxwell from William L. Shaw, by deed dated January 28, 1911, and recorded February 1, 1911, in Notarial Record 'Y' page 353, of the Records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana."

One half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of all gas, oil and other mineral rights.

This sale is made for the price and consideration of

NINE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$925,000.00) DOLLARS,

and subject to the following conditions, exceptions and reservations:

A. The purchase price shall be payable as follows:

NINE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$925,000.00) DOLLARS cash at the date of the act of sale or transfer of title..

- B. The sale is subject to the approval of the Russell Sage Foundation.
- C. All recorded rights of way and legal servitudes in favor of Texas and Pacific Railroad Company for railroad purposes, the State of Louisiana for highway and levee purposes, the Concordia Electric Cooperative, Inc. for electric lines and facilities, and the Concordia Parish School Board for school purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Messrs. Jerry G. Jones, Chairman, and H. Clay Wright, Vice-Chairman, be, and they are hereby appointed, authorized and empowered to act for and on behalf and in the name of this Commission to purchase the aforementioned lands, buildings, improvements and appurtenances thereon, to sign any and all necessary deeds and documents in connection therewith, to pay the purchase price thereof and all pertinent and necessary and usual expenses to purchasers which said deeds and documents may contain, and to incorporate and include in said documents and all additional stipulations, conditions, and provisions as they, in their sole discretion, deem to the best interest of the Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. Leslie L. Glasgow, Commission Director, be, and he is hereby directed to apply to the United States Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Atlanta, Georgia, for its financial assistance and participation in acquiring the immovable property herein described.

After the adoption of the above resolution, the Commission members discussed the matter of purchase with Governor John

McKeithen on the same date, in which he concurred with the Commission's decision.

Leslie L. Glasgow

DR. LESLIE L. GLASGOW,
Director and Secretary