

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

AGENDA

FEBRUARY 25, 1969

1. Approval of application for permit by Gulf Oil Corp. to dredge approx. two million cubic yards of sand material from Mississippi River for fill material on their refinery site, near Alliance, La., Plaquemines Parish. (2)
2. Approval to enter into reciprocal agreement with the Mississippi State Game and Fish Commission relating to the recognition of commercial fishing licenses on boundary waters separating the two states. (3)
3. Approval of \$50,000 advance payment to Ducks Unlimited based on sales of 1968-69 hunting licenses sold in La. (6)
4. Approval for freshwater introduction at White's Ditch in Bellaire, Plaquemines Parish, La. (7)
5. Approval of Lafourche Parish Police Jury request for right-of-way across the Pointe-au-Chien Wildlife Management Area. *gma* (9)
6. Extension of 1968-69 Trapping Season on Muskrat and Nutria only. (14)
7. Approval to re-publish law book and bring up to date, at estimated cost of \$5,000.00 (16)
8. Changing of ruling pertaining to use of firearms on Bodcau W.M.A. to permit firearms during turkey season. *gma* (17)
9. Acceptance of completion of contract No. 5981 of boat launching ramp and parking area on Sabine Lake, Cameron Parish as constructed by Kingston Construction Co., Inc. and extension of time granted to date of acceptance. (18)
10. Approval of Central La. Electric Co. request for right-of-way across the Saline W.M.A. *gma* (19)
11. Renewal of lease agreement for storage facilities in Ferriday at the District IV Office (Otto Lancaster and John Arthur Knesel) (20)
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14. Commission request for permission to send personnel to Washington, D. C. to attend National Wildlife Federation and North American Wildlife Conference relative to the duck season. (23)
15. Announcement of meeting dates for public hearing on seasons and bag limits to be held in Alexandria, June 20 and 21, 1969. (25)

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, Louisiana on Monday and Tuesday, February 24 and 25, 1969.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with the Division Chiefs and the preparation of the agenda for the Tuesday meeting. Monday's meeting was an informal session, held in the Director's Office at 2:00 P.M.

The public formal meeting was held on Tuesday, February 25, 1969, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 226 of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building.

Members present at both meetings were:

H. Clay Wright, Vice-Chairman

Clarence A. Guidry

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Hobson Norris

Jimmie Thompson

James L. Winfree

ABSENT: Chairman Jerry G. Jones was absent for the Tuesday, February 25, 1969 meeting; however, he was present for the Monday, February 24, 1969 informal session.

Vice-Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M., explaining that Chairman Jones could not be present for the public meeting. Vice-Chairman Wright then called on Dr. Lyle St. Amant for the first item on the agenda.

Dr. St. Amant stated the Commission received an application for a permit by Gulf Oil Corporation to dredge approximately two million cubic yards of fill sand from the Mississippi River between Mile 60.5 and 61.4 and between Mile 63.5 and 64.4 to be used as fill material on their refinery site on the right descending bank of the Mississippi River at Mile 63 near Alliance, Louisiana in Plaquemines Parish.

Dr. St. Amant further explained that the application for said corporation was submitted by Waldemar S. Nelson and Company, Incorporated, Engineers and Architects. Dr. St. Amant said the application meets with all of the Commission requirements as set forth and recommended Commission approval.

Mr. Winfree requested to be excused from voting on the subject.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did receive a request from Waldemar S. Nelson and Company, Incorporated, Engineers and Architects, for the issuance of a permit to the Gulf Oil Corporation to dredge in the Mississippi River.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that a permit be issued to the Gulf Oil

Corporation to dredge approximately two million cubic yards of sand material from the Mississippi River between Mile 60.5 and 61.4 and between Mile 63.5 and 64.4 to be used as fill material on their refinery site on the right descending bank of the Mississippi River at Mile 63 near Alliance, Louisiana in Plaquemines Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Vice-Chairman Wright then called on Mr. Richard Yancey for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Yancey explained the first item is relative to the House Bill introduced by Representative Charles L. Vining of East Carroll Parish in the 1968 Legislative Session pertaining to a reciprocal agreement between Louisiana and Mississippi for recognition of fresh water commercial fishing licenses on the state line lakes and the main channel of the Mississippi River that separates the two states. Mr. Yancey explained that the adoption of such an agreement by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission would mean that Louisiana would recognize Mississippi freshwater commercial fishing licenses on the Louisiana portions of the Mississippi River and the state line lakes bordering northeast Louisiana and that Mississippi would reciprocate by recognizing Louisiana licenses on the Mississippi portions. This would in no way affect mesh or net sizes, etc. and that Mississippi nets fished in Louisiana waters would have to comply with Louisiana

requirements and vice versa.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Winfree, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in the 1968 State Legislature a ruling was passed instructing the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to negotiate with the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission for a reciprocal agreement relative to the use of Commercial Fishing Licenses on the boundary waters.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby agree to enter into a reciprocal agreement between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and the Mississippi State Game and Fish Commission, pursuant to statutory authority of Louisiana and Mississippi, whereby the following shall be agreed upon by both states:

1. The parties hereto shall reciprocally recognize the fresh water commercial fishing licenses of each state on all portions of the boundary lakes and waters that separate and divide the two states along the Mississippi River.
2. Current Mississippi fresh water commercial fishing licenses shall be valid, recognized, and accepted on the Louisiana portions of all state line lakes and boundary waters lying along that reach of the Mississippi River that divides the two states.

3. Current Louisiana fresh water commercial fishing licenses shall be valid, recognized and accepted on the Mississippi portions of all state line lakes and boundary waters lying along that reach of the Mississippi river that divides the two states.

4. These areas are more particularly described as the main channel of the Mississippi River, Glasscock Lake, Marengo Bend, Giles Bend, Old River, Yucatan Lake, Palmyra Lake, Pittman Lake or Old River, Bunches Cut Off, Coles Point Lake, Rodney Lake, Roup Lake, Karnac Lake, Paw Paw Bend, Centennial Lake, Eagle Lake, Albermarle Lake, Terrapin Neck Cut Off, Newman Cut Off, Dencansby Cut Off Lake. (Commercial fishing on Louisiana portions of Eagle Lake shall continue to be regulated by order adopted by Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission on March 23, 1965).

5. Louisiana fresh water commercial fishing laws and regulations, including tagging requirements, mesh sizes, etc., shall be effective and enforced in Louisiana waters, while Mississippi fresh water commercial fishing laws and regulations, including tagging requirements, mesh sizes, etc., shall be effective and enforced in Mississippi waters.

6. All commercial fishing tackle and equipment used in taking fresh water commercial fish shall conform to respective state laws and regulations governing the waters fished by the duly licensed fisherman.

7. Wildlife Agents and Game Wardens of both Commissions shall work jointly in the enforcement of fresh water commercial fishing laws and regulations that apply on the boundary lakes and waters.

8. Residents of each state shall have unrestricted ingress and egress on public rights-of-way to the other state for the purpose of fishing the waters belonging to their respective state.

9. Upon the execution of this agreement the foregoing stipulations and conditions shall immediately become effective, and enforcement agents and officers working in these areas shall be immediately notified by their respective departments.

This agreement may be terminated by either party by giving a thirty (30) day written notice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Yancey then continued on to the next subject by stating that it is customary for the Commission to make payment to Ducks Unlimited in two parts; a \$50,000 advance payment and final payment after a final determination has been made of the season's hunting licenses receipts. Mr. Yancey then recommended Commission approval for making an advance payment to Ducks Unlimited of \$50,000 in accordance with

R. S. 56:104 which would represent a partial payment of 25 cents of each hunting license sold during the 1968-69 hunting season in the state.

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Ducks Unlimited annually spends approximately one million dollars on marsh development projects in Canada for ducks and geese that winter in this state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve the advance payment of \$50,000 to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., on the 1968-69 hunting licenses sales. R. S. 56:104, E (1) authorized the expenditure of twenty-five (25¢) cents from each hunting license sold in Louisiana to be used for the development and preservation of breeding grounds for migratory waterfowl through Ducks Unlimited in those parts of Canada that produce ducks and geese that winter in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Vice-Chairman Wright then introduced Dr. Ted Ford for the next item on the agenda.

Dr. Ford explained that the Commission received a request from the Plaquemines Parish Commission Council, dated February 20, 1969, for the introduction of fresh water from the Mississippi River through

the operation of the Parish fresh water syphons at lower Belair, or White Ditch, which is located east of the river in Plaquemines Parish. Dr. Ford continued by telling that the fresh water introduction must be made while the river is at high stages. The syphons will be operated in accordance with the conservation requirements of the Commission and the health requirements of the State Board of Health. Dr. Ford said he discussed the matter with a representative of the State Board of Health and examined all of the requirements which have been met as set forth and therefore, recommended the fresh water syphons be opened provided the Plaquemines Parish Commission Council shall agree to post the area and patrol same in accordance with their requirements.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, salt water intrusion in oyster seed areas has resulted in increased snail predation and a reduced seed oyster production, and

WHEREAS, by Action of April 25, 1967, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission gave the Director and Assistant Directors authority to temporarily close certain areas when fresh water is being introduced during the periods beginning May 1 to August 30 of each year and Commission action would be required during other periods, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received a request from the Plaquemines Parish Commission Council,

dated February 20, 1969, requesting approval to activate and operate the parish river fresh water syphons at Belair (White Ditch).

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby temporarily close the Belair (White Ditch) oyster fishing area, Plaquemines Parish, while the Mississippi River is higher than normal low stages for the purpose of introducing fresh water into the oyster growing area. The Plaquemines Parish Commission Council shall maintain a boat and helicopter patrol to enforce the closure and the area to be effected shall be marked by signs at least 24 inches square, reading: "No oyster fishing until notified. Area west closed. Boat-air patrol, syphons running." Closure of the area shall be contingent upon approval of the State Board of Health provided no objections are received from the fishermen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director and Assistant Directors be and are hereby empowered and authorized to comply with this directive.

Vice-Chairman Wright then called on Mr. Allan Ensminger for the next item.

Mr. Ensminger explained the Commission had previously discussed the possibility of granting the Lafourche Parish Police Jury a right-of-way across the Pointe-au-Chien Wildlife Management Area for the Lafourche Jump Navigation Channel. It has been thoroughly discussed and found that if the Lafourche Parish Police Jury would

agree to certain terms and conditions, it would then be possible to grant said request.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Winfree, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is the owner of the Pointe-au-Chien Game Management Area, part of which is located in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Lafourche Parish Police Jury has requested a servitude of right-of-way of a total width of 2,250 feet to extend approximately 8.2 miles through Sections 22, 27, 28 and 33, Township 18 South, Range 20 East and Sections 4, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Township 19 South, Range 20 East of the Pointe-au-Chien Game Management Area in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, said servitude of right-of-way will be used to construct a navigation channel 125 feet in width by a depth of 12 feet for approximately 8.2 miles in length through the Game Management Area, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Commission are satisfied that the citizens of the Parish of Lafourche, as well as the State of Louisiana will be benefited by the construction of said channel in accordance with the plans of the United States Corps of Engineers, dated March, 1968, Revised May 1, 1968, File No. H-16-24331, consisting of 10 pages and called "Bayou Lafourche and Lafourche Jump Waterway-Channel" a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof, and

WHEREAS, the servitude of right-of-way will be subject to the following conditions and stipulations:

1. The Lafourche Police Jury, its successor, agents, and/or employees shall undertake all necessary precautions to control soil erosion from widening the navigation channel beyond 200 feet in width.

2. The Lafourche Police Jury, its successor, agents and/or employees shall install and maintain low level, water control structures in Grand Bayou on the north and west sides of the proposed channel in Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 20 East. One structure shall be installed in Bayou Salle on the north side of the channel in Section 11, Township 19 South, Range 20 East. Additionally, the Lafourche Police Jury, its successor, agents and/or employees shall construct a small weir in Section 9 or 10, Township 19 South, Range 20 East, to prevent excessive pooling of water in the marshes north of the navigation channel spoil. All structures are to be installed within 6 months after completion of the Channel project.

3. All spoil will be levelled and confined to the project area, the outer limits of which will not extend beyond the width of the servitude of right-of-way or a total of 2,250 feet.

4. The Lafourche Police Jury, its successor, agents and/or employees shall construct and maintain levees on each side of the navigation channel during the entire time the channel is in existence.

5. All future or additional channels, slips, or cuts into the navigation channel shall be enclosed in a complete levee system to prevent drainage and salt water intrusion.

6. The Lafourche Police Jury, its successor, agents, and/or employees shall in no way interfere with the Commission's free use of all land comprising the Pointe-au-Chien Game Management Area and those Sections hereinabove described.

7. The Lafourche Police Jury agrees to hold the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission harmless from any and all claims of whatever nature and kind arising out of the construction, use, and maintenance of the navigation channel and all adjacent land and structures comprising the servitude of right-of-way and further agrees to indemnify the Commission or its successor for any loss which may result to the Commission from any claims, actions, or causes of action arising from the construction of the navigation channel and all adjacent structures, including weirs and levees, and all use of the servitude of right-of-way.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that J. G. Jones, Chairman, H. Clay Wright, Vice Chairman, and Clark M. Hoffpauer, Director and Secretary, and their successors be and they are hereby appointed, authorized, and empowered to act for and on behalf and in the name of Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to grant a servitude of right-of-way to the Lafourche Police Jury or its successors over or through the following portions of the Pointe-au-Chien Game Management Area, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Sections 22, 27, 28 and 33, Township 18 South, Range 20 East

Sections 4, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Township 19 South, Range 20 East

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the servitude of right-of-way measure 2,250 feet in width and extend approximately 8.2 miles over those portions of the Pointe-au-Chien Game Management Area herein described, all in accordance with the plan of the U. S. Corps of Engineers entitled "Bayou Lafourche and Lafourche Jump Waterway-Channel", dated March, 1968, Revised May 1, 1968, File No. H-16-28331, consisting of 10 pages, a copy of which is annexed to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the servitude of right-of-way be subject to the following conditions:

1. The Lafourche Police Jury, its successor, agents and/or employees shall undertake all necessary precautions to control soil erosion from widening the navigation channel beyond 200 feet in width.

2. The Lafourche Police Jury, its successor, agents and/or employees shall install and maintain low level, water control structures in Grand Bayou on the north and west sides of the proposed channel in Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 20 East. One structure shall be installed in Bayou Salle on the north side of the channel in Section 11, Township 19 South, Range 20 East. Additionally, the Lafourche Police Jury, its successor, agents and/or employees shall construct a small weir in Section 9 or 10, Township 19 South, Range 20 East, to prevent excessive pooling of water in the marshes north of the navigation channel spoil. All structures are to be installed within 6 months after completion of the channel project.

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6. The Lafourche Police Jury, its successor, agents and/or employees shall in no way interfere with the Commission's free use of all land comprising the Pointe-au-Chien Game Management Area and those Sections hereinabove described.

7. The Lafourche Police Jury agrees to hold the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission harmless from any and all claims of whatever nature and kind arising out of the construction, use, and maintenance of the navigation channel and all adjacent land and structures comprising the servitude of right-of-way and further agree to indemnify the Commission or its successor for any loss which may result to Commission from any claims, actions, or causes of action arising from

the construction of the navigation channel and all adjacent structures, including weirs and levees, and all use of the servitude of right-of-way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Director or their successors be and they are hereby authorized, and empowered to execute any and all papers, documents, instruments and acts necessary in the premises; to incorporate in said instruments such terms, conditions, and agreements as they shall deem adequate, necessary, or proper in their own sole uncontrolled discretion.

Vice-Chairman Wright then called on Mr. Ted O'Neil to explain the request on the extension of the trapping season.

Mr. O'Neil said there have been many requests received for the extension of the 1968-69 fur trapping season insofar as the nutria and muskrats are concerned. Mr. O'Neil therefore recommended the Commission's approval on the following extension of the trapping season for muskrat and nutria only:

Up to and including March 15, 1969 for the parishes of Ascension, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa.

Up to and including March 15, 1969 for the specific areas of the Harrison Properties, located south of Little Lake, Lafourche Parish; Vermilion Bay Three-Cornered Grass Marshes, located in Vermilion Parish; West Cameron Parish, located west of Calcasieu Lake and River, Cameron Parish; Rice Growing Areas, Fields, Canals, and Levees of Southwest Louisiana; and Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge.

Up to April 1, 1969 for the trapping of nutria and muskrat only on the Active Delta, located in Plaquemines Parish, from Empire south.

Vice-Chairman Wright then recognized Mr. Leo Kerner, from Lafitte.

Mr. Kerner, Chairman of the Louisiana Farm Bureau, requested a

longer season for nutria and muskrat. He said he was not present at the meeting to oppose any other people, but only to plead for a longer season on behalf of the poor trapper.

Vice-Chairman Wright also recognized Mr. Butley Mahler to speak on the extension of the season.

Mr. Mahler stated he is in the fur business and requested the season close as originally announced for the 1968-69 Fur Trapping Season. He explained that if the season is extended and more pelts are put on the market, the price per pelt would only become cheaper. He also requested that if the fur trapping season for nutria and muskrat ONLY are to be extended, it should be extended statewide. Mr. Mahler also requested that in the future in setting the fur trapping season that it not be changed after the season is established.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that Mr. Ted O'Neil, Chief of the Fur Division, be prepared fully to come before the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to set the 1969-70 Fur Trapping Season.

Vice-Chairman Wright asked for a show of hands on Mr. Thompson's motion. Those in favor were Mr. Thompson, Mr. Kyle, Mr. Guidry and Mr. Norris. Mr. Winfree voted against the motion.

Vice-Chairman Wright then called for a vote on Mr. O'Neil's recommendations for the extension of the nutria and muskrat season. Mr. Thompson motioned to accept the recommendations as stated by

Mr. O'Neil, and seconded by Mr. Winfree. Mr. Kyle then made a motion to amend the recommendations of Mr. O'Neil whereby the whole State of Louisiana would have the nutria and muskrat season extended until March 15, 1969, except the Active Delta, Plaquemines Parish, which would be extended until April 1, 1969. Vice-Chairman Wright then called for a vote on the amendment as stated by Mr. Kyle. Those in favor of the amendment were Mr. Thompson, Mr. Kyle, Mr. Guidry, and Mr. Winfree. Mr. Norris abstained from voting.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Winfree, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby extend the 1968-69 Fur Trapping Season for muskrat and nutria ONLY until March 15, 1969 throughout the State of Louisiana, except the Active Delta Region of Plaquemines Parish, located from Empire south which shall be extended until April 1, 1969.

Vice-Chairman Wright then called on Mr. Leonard New, Chief of the Enforcement Division relative to the next item on the agenda.

Mr. New stated that the last time the laws pertaining to wildlife were compiled was in 1964. Since that time many new laws have been passed as well as some of the older ones being changed; therefore, Mr. New requested Commission approval for a new edition of the Compilation of the Laws of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission in order for all parties concerned to be kept abreast and up to date on the new laws.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did last publish in 1964 the State Legislative laws pertaining thereto, and'

WHEREAS, all Wildlife Agents, Commission Biologists, Legal Counselors, etc. depend and utilize said publication in rendering decisions relative to the State Law, and

WHEREAS, since 1964 many laws have been changed and new laws have been added.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve and order a new and revised edition of the compilation of the laws of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Vice-Chairman Wright then called on Mr. Joe L. Herring for the remainder of the items on the agenda.

Mr. Herring said the first item pertains to the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area with respect to the present Commission ruling for the use of firearms on the wildlife management area which reads "No guns allowed from March 1 to August 31 of each year." Mr. Herring continued by explaining the dates of the previously set turkey season are March 29 and 30, 1969 and for this reason the ruling should be changed.

The reading pertaining to the use of firearms on the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area should read as follows: "No guns allowed except during specifically designated game seasons as set by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission."

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Winfree, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the present Commission ruling pertaining to the use of firearms on the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area reads "No guns allowed from March 1 to August 31" of each year, and

WHEREAS, due to the turkey season dates, March 29 and 30, 1969, as previously set, this ruling should be changed to include various types of seasons.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby change the ruling pertaining to the use of firearms on the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area to read as follows: "No guns allowed except during specifically designated game seasons as set by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission."

Mr. Herring continued with the next item by stating that the Louisiana Department of Public Works has notified the Commission of the completion of Contract No. 5981 with Kingston Construction Company, Inc. for the construction of a boat launching ramp, a wharf and a parking area at Sabine Lake in Cameron Parish and has recommended an extension of time to the date of acceptance.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Winfree, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5981, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Kingston Konstruction Company, Inc., contractor for the construction of a boat launching ramp, a wharf and a parking area at Sabine Lake in Cameron Parish, Louisiana and has recommended that same be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Kingston Construction Company, Inc., Contractor, under Contract No. 5981, with said Commission, dated June 24, 1968, be and the same is hereby accepted and extension of time granted to the date of this acceptance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the mortgage records of the Parish of Cameron, Louisiana.

Mr. Herring then told the Commission of the request received from Central Louisiana Electric Company for a right-of-way to cross the Saline Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Herring said the proposal had been examined and found to be feasible provided CLECO agrees to adhere to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement which shall be binding upon said company for the protection of the wildlife in the area.

Vice-Chairman Wright then called for a vote. Mr. Kyle requested to be excused from voting.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Central Louisiana Electric Company for a right-of-way to cross the Saline Wildlife Management Area provided said company shall adhere to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement which shall be binding upon said party for the benefit and protection of the wildlife and fisheries resources in the area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring continued by stating the lease agreement for storage facilities at the District IV Ferriday Office will soon expire. The annual rental on this property is seventy-five dollars per year for garage and property. Mr. Herring recommended the renewal of the lease agreement for another year since the Commission has not completed the facilities at the Red River Wildlife Management Area.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in past years the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has leased storage facilities, located near the District IV Ferriday Office, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is presently in the process of constructing facilities on the Red River

Wildlife Management Area which would take the place of said leased facility, and

WHEREAS, the construction of the new facility has not been completed and the lease agreement for the use of the presently utilized garage and property shall soon expire.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby agree to renew the lease agreement for the use of storage area with the annual rental on said property of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). Said property is more properly described as follows:

Commencing at the SW corner of property of James Otto Lancaster and John Arthur Knesel, run N 85 1/2° 496.98 feet, thence N 3°25' E 68.64', thence N 4°45' E 71.36', thence S 85°35' W 356.98', thence S 4° 25' E 20' to the point of beginning. T 8 N, R 9 E.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring also explained to the Commission that the lease agreement the Commission has for the Soda Lake Wildlife Management Area will soon expire. This lease agreement was with the Caddo Levee District for a period of 10 years. Mr. Herring recommended that the Commission renew this lease agreement for another 10 year period.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's lease agreement with the Caddo Levee District for the Soda Lake Wildlife Management Area will expire on March 10, 1969, and

WHEREAS, during the 10 year lease period, the Soda Lake Wildlife Management Area has proven most beneficial to the sportsmen of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission agrees and approves to renew the lease agreement with the Caddo Levee District for an additional 10 year period on that portion of property presently known as the Soda Lake Wildlife Management Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring told the Commission that Mr. William R. Baker, Engineer Architect for the lab addition to the District VII Office headquarter building has requested the Commission to grant an extension of time on the contract time. General Contractor, Fontaine Abbott, has made this request due to the bad weather they have had they have been hindered in the construction. The requested extension is until April 15, 1969.

On motion of Mr. Winfree, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is presently in contract with Fontain Abbott, General Contractor, and Mr. William R. Baker, is the engineer architect for the construction of the laboratory addition to the Baton Rouge District VII office, and

WHEREAS, Mr. William Baker has recommended the contractor be granted an extension of time for the completion of said contract, as the contractor was delayed in the beginning of the construction period due to bad weather.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant an extension of time on the contract with Fontaine Abbott for the construction of the laboratory addition to the Baton Rouge District VII Office. Said extension of contract completion shall be until April 15, 1969.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Thompson requested to have the floor for the next subject. Mr. Thompson explained that there is a very serious rumor he had heard about insofar as it was his understanding that the Technical Section of the Mississippi Flyway Council planned to go to Washington and appear before the U. S. Department of the Interior to recommend a closed season on ducks for the Mississippi Flyway during the 1969-70 season. Mr. Thompson then requested the Commission's support to be unanimous to send the Director, Clark Hoffpauer and Assistant Director, Richard Yancey to Washington, D. C. to attend the National Wildlife Federation meeting which will be held beginning February 28, 1969. Mr. Charlie Bosch, Executive Director of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation has invited their attendance, as well as Mr. Larry Soileau and Mr. Hugh

Bateman, waterfowl biologists of the Commission. Mr. Thompson continued stressing the importance of these Commission personnel attending the meeting and further stated that the Federation conference would be followed by the North American Wildlife Conference. Attendance of these meetings would be very important as it would be there that the Commission's stand could be voiced.

Mr. Hoffpauer then commented on the matter by stating that the opinion of the Mississippi Flyway Council was formulated due to the breeding population decline in the mallard.

Mr. Slyde D. Smith, past President of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation and Member of the Executive Board of the Wildlife Federation, then spoke to the Commission on the matter stating that it is vitally important for the Commission to have representatives attend these meetings. He further stated that if the Commission could not get permission to send Mr. Hugh Bateman and Mr. Larry Soileau that the Louisiana Wildlife Federation would finance their trips.

Mr. Winfree commended the Federation for their support and assistance, but stated that it put the Commission in a rather embarrassing position.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve and urgently request permission from the Louisiana Division of Administration for authorization to send

Director Clark M. Hoffpauer, Assistant Director Richard Yancey and the two waterfowl biologists, Hugh Bateman and Larry Soileau to attend the National Wildlife Federation conference and the North American Wildlife Conference in Washington, D. C., beginning on February 28, 1969. The purpose is for the Commission representation to be present in order to voice Louisiana's stand for the forthcoming waterfowl season.

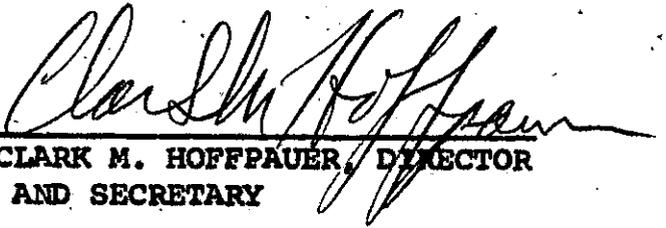
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to sign any and all documents for the approval of the above directive.

Mr. Thompson then requested the dates of the June meeting which is annually held in Alexandria, Louisiana in order that it may be in conjunction with the public hearing on the seasons and bag limits. Mr. Thompson suggested and motioned the dates, June 19, 20 and 21.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby announce the dates of the monthly public board meeting to be held for the month of June in Alexandria, Louisiana on June 19 and 20, 1969. The public hearings will follow said meeting on June 20 and 21, 1969 for the purpose of hearing the public requests and recommendations for the forthcoming hunting seasons.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the meeting was adjourned.


**CLARK M. HOFFPAUER, DIRECTOR
AND SECRETARY**