

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

DECEMBER 17, 1968

AGENDA

1. Approval of the Commission to host the Annual Conference of South Central States Boating Law Administrators Association in New Orleans on April 9 - 11, 1969. (2)
2. Approval of acceptance of the highest bid on Commission owned cotton allotment on Red River W.M.A., Concordia Parish. (3)
3. Discussion of easement deed to the Tensas Basin Levee District. (5)
4. Approval of land exchange of equal acreage with Union Producing Company in connection with the Russell Sage W.M.A. (5)
5. Acceptance of bid tabulations received on the boats Tarpon and Albacore and rejection of bids on boat Pelican. (7)
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6. Approval of permit for the use of a newly designed oyster dredge by Mr. Charles Voisin. (10)
7. Approval of permit for Cities Service Oil Company to dredge an access slip to service State Lease 3942, Well No. 5, Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area. (11)
8. Approval of acceptance of completion of Contract No. 5962 with D & A Construction Inc. for the construction of a boat launching ramp and appurtenances on the west bank of Delcambre Canal, Iberia Parish, La. and an extension of time to date of acceptance. (13)
9. Approval of acceptance of completion of Contract No. 5983, with Morrison Engineering and Contracting Co., Inc. for the construction of a concrete boat launching ramp, parking area and treated timber pier on Long Lake, Caldwell Parish and an extension of time to the date of acceptance. (14)
10. Approval of request by Mr. Bill James, Police Juror, Tensas Parish, Ward 6 to have a 5-day doe season on Louisiana land east of Mississippi River during last 5 days of deer season. (15)

11. Approval of the closure of Waddill Tract to shooting of all kinds. (16)
 12. Approval of water line right-of-way on D'Arbonne Lake. (17)
 13. Approval of East Carroll Parish Police Jury's resolution to close the second portion of the doe-deer season - December 26 - January 4, 1969. (18)
 14. Approval of amending the lease on Lutchter-Moore Wildlife Management Area to include the addition of a camping site. (18)
 15. Approval of contract for timber sale - Bodcau Wildlife Management Area, 245 acres, high bidder - Anthony Forest Products (\$22,758.70). (20)
 16. Approval of contract for second timber sale - Bodcau W.M.A., 200 acres, high bidder - Santian Southern Co., (\$18,253.09). (21)
 17. Approval of a lease agreement with Orleans Levee Board on a 33,000 acre portion of land located in the Bohemia Spillway, Plaquemine Parish, Louisiana. (22)
 18. Denial of Tensas Parish Police Jury resolution requesting closure of 10-day doe deer season in Ward 1 of Tensas Parish. (23)
 19. Report on waterfowl situation. (24)
 20. Approval for appropriation of \$1,000 be made to Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival. (24)
 21. OTHER BUSINESS
- Approval of Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study team investigate deer die-off in Atchafalaya Basin Area. (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, December 16 and 17, 1968.

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, open to the public and held in the Director's office, at 2:00 P. M.

The public formal meeting was held on Tuesday, December 17th, 1968, at 10:00 A. M., in Room 226 of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Members present at both meetings were:

Mr. H. Clay Wright, Vice-Chairman

Mr. Clarence A. Guidry

Mr. Hobson Norris

Mr. Jimmie Thompson

Members absent for the Monday, December 16th meeting were Mr. Jerry G. Jones, Chairman and Mr. John Edwin Kyle, Jr., Member; however, Mr. Jones and Mr. Kyle were present for the Tuesday, December 17th meeting.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 10:00 A. M. by recognizing the visitors in the audience from the Florida Game and Fresh Water Commission who were: Dr. O. Earle Frye, Jr., Director, Mr. Harold Ashley, Commission Member of the Fifth District, Mr. W. B. Copeland, Chairman of the Commission representing the Second District, Mr. W. Tom McBroom, Commission Member from the Fourth District, Mr. H. E. Wallace, Assistant Director, Mr. Jim Powell, Chief of the Game Management and their two pilots, Mr. Carter and Mr. Neujahr.

Chairman Jones next called on Mr. Richard Yancey for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Yancey said that about eight years ago the South Central States Boating Law Administrators Association was formed and Louisiana became a member at that time. Each year the association meets to discuss matters affecting boating and boat safety with the U. S. Coast Guard and Mr. Yancey recommended that the Commission adopt a resolution granting approval for the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to host the South Central States Boating Law Administrators Association in New Orleans on April 9, 10, and 11, 1969.

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

WHEREAS, the South Central States Boating Law Administrators Association is a group which meets each year for the purpose of discussing and administering safe, and practical boating laws, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is a member of this association and is the agency in charge of administering Louisiana's boating laws, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby invite and approve to host the next conference of the South Central States Boating Law Administrators Association in New Orleans on April 9, 10, and 11, 1969, in the interest and establishment of better boating laws for Louisiana and other South Central States.

Mr. Yancey then advised the Commission that in May, 1968, the 4,000 acre Maxwell tract was purchased and added to the newly established Red River Wildlife Management Area in lower Concordia Parish. At the time this purchase was made, the Commission acquired an 85 acre cotton allotment which it has no plans for utilizing. Mr. Yancey explained that in view of this the Division of Administration has been requested to sell the allotment and they are presently in the process of advertising for bids. The bids will be opened by the Division of Administration on December 30, 1968. The ASC office of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Ferriday has advised that this sale must be completed by December 31, 1968 according to their timetable and regulations therefore, immediate action prior to the next board meeting must be taken. Mr. Yancey then recommended that the Commission authorize Dr. Glasgow to accept the high bid, if it appears to be satisfactory, so the Commission will not lose out on this sale which must be completed in advance of the January Board Meeting.

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

WHEREAS, in May, 1968, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission purchased approximately 4,000 acres, more or less, from the Maxwell heirs which was adjacent to the Red River Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, the additional acreage contained an 85 acre allotment of cotton, which produces about 860 pounds of cotton per acre, as set by the ASC, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Division of Administration is presently in the process of advertising for bids on said cotton allotment, which will not be tabulated until late December, 1968, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the ASC, U. S. Department of Agriculture rules and regulations, said allotment must be disposed of prior to December 31, 1968, and

WHEREAS, the next scheduled regular monthly public meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission will be on the fourth Tuesday of January, 1969.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Director, Dr. Leslie L. Glasgow, to accept the highest bid received by the Louisiana Division of Administration, provided said bid is satisfactory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Director in accepting the high bid in behalf of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission shall be ratified by said Commission at its

next regular public monthly Board Meeting.

Mr. Yancey continued by telling the Commission that in September, 1968 the Commission granted approval to the Tensas Basin Levee District for a right-of-way across a certain portion of land presently owned by the Commission and being used as a public boat launching ramp in Franklin Parish. Mr. Yancey explained that the Commission had established a payment of consideration to be paid for the use of this right-of-way; however, since it is actually a Corps of Engineers project, it is felt that all parties concerned should renegotiate this agreement and omit the consideration of payment. Mr. Yancey stated that in view of the fact that the Commission had previously granted approval on the establishment of this right-of-way it would not be necessary for further action by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

Mr. Yancey then moved on to the next item on the agenda. He stated that Act 244 of the 1968 State Legislature authorized the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to exchange a certain parcel of land approximately 264 acres which it owns on the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, located on the east side of the Lafourche drainage Canal, for an equal amount of land owned by the Union Producing Company, on the west side of the Lafourche drainage canal. The objective being to establish the Lafourche canal as the common boundary between the two property ownerships. Mr. Yancey said completion of the exchange will simplify wildlife management on the Russell Sage Area and has been recommended for

several years by Commission personnel. Mr. Yancey therefore recommended Commission action be taken authorizing the Director to sign the documents for the land exchange.

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

WHEREAS, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Union Producing Company are owners of certain properties situated in the Parishes of Ouachita and Richland, State of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, said properties are unimproved over swamp land and it is to the mutual advantage of the parties to make an act of exchange of this property due to the fact that the natural channel of Bayou Lafourche has been straightened and enlarged with the result that the water now flows in and through what is in effect a canal, and the old channel of said bayou contains many bends and curbs. Within these bends and curbs are not situated portions of the land of the parties which have been cut off from and made inaccessible to the main bodies of the land of the parties hereto, being across said new channel from such main bodies; and,

WHEREAS, it is agreed and understood that the properties exchanged are equal in value and of equal acreage;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission exchange said property with the Union Producing Company. The said property is more fully described in Act of Exchange, dated December 13, 1968.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Leslie Glasgow, Director of

Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Ellen Bryan Moore, the Register of the State Land Office for the State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby appointed, authorized and empowered to act for and on behalf of and in the name of the Commission to exchange said property, and to sign any and all necessary deeds and documents in connection therewith, all as more fully authorized by Act 244 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature for 1968.

Mr. Yancey then said that the Louisiana Division of Administration has notified the Commission of the tabulation of bids received on December 4, 1968 for the sale of three Commission boats: the Tarpon, Albacore, and Pelican. Mr. Yancey said a total of 18 bids were received on the sale of the Tarpon, with the highest bid received being that of Mr. Kenneth R. Peters of Denham Springs, in the amount of \$9,127.00. Mr. Yancey recommended Commission action be taken to sell this boat to Mr. Peters as his bid is a good one and in line with the estimated appraised price.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Division of Administration did advertise for the sale of the Commission owned boat Tarpon, and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 1968, the tabulation of bids were received with a total of 18 bids being submitted.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Division of Administration

to accept the highest bid submitted on the sale of the Commission boat Tarpon by Mr. Kenneth R. Peters of Denham Springs, Louisiana in the amount of \$9,127.00.

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 said the next bid to be considered is that of the boat Albacore, with a total of 12 bids being submitted. Mr. W. S. Good, Jr. of New Orleans submitted the highest bid for the Albacore in the amount of \$5,600.00. Mr. Yancey said the proposal has been examined and found to be a good bid. He therefore recommended the Commission's approval on the sale of the boat.

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

WHEREAS, Louisiana Division of Administration did advertise for the sale of the Commission owned boat Albacore, and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 1968, the tabulation of bids were received with a total of 12 bids being submitted.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Division of Administration to accept the high bid of Mr. W. S. Good, Jr. of New Orleans in the amount of \$5,600 on the sale of the Commission boat Albacore.

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 said the next bids to be considered are the 14 received for the boat Pelican. Mr. Yancey explained that the highest bid received by the Louisiana Division of Administration on this boat was submitted by Mr. Samuel Evanac of Metairie, Louisiana in the amount of \$10,635.00

Mr. Thompson said that in view of the expenses the Commission has put out on the boat Pelican, he offered a motion not to accept the high bid as it is too low. Mr. Thompson further explained that it was his opinion that the boat would be practically given away at that price. Mr. Wright seconded Mr. Thompson's motion.

Dr. Glasgow recommended the boat Pelican be sold to the highest bidder because the Commission really does not have any need for this boat. Furthermore, he stated, the hull is in very poor condition and in need of repairs. If the Commission keeps the Pelican, he said, it would only mean more expense to the Commission for its maintenance.

There being no other comments on the matter, Chairman Jones called for a vote. All members voted favorably to reject the bids and keep the boat Pelican.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did request the Louisiana Division of Administration to advertise for the sale of the boat Pelican, and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 1968, the Louisiana Division of Administration received a total of 14 bids with the highest bid being that of Mr. Sam Evanac of Metairie, Louisiana in the amount of \$10,635.00, and

WHEREAS, the boat Pelican was given to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission on July 8, 1964 during which time the Commission spent on repairs nearly three times the amount of the highest bid submitted.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Division of Administration to reject all bids received for the sale of the Commission boat Pelican. It is the expressed wish of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to keep the boat Pelican until such time as it may request the Louisiana Division of Administration to again solicit bids for the sale of same.

Chairman Jones then called on Dr. Lyle St. Amant for the next item on the agenda.

Dr. St. Amant explained that the Commission has received a request from Mr. Charles Voisin for permission to operate his newly designed oyster dredge on public seed grounds. Dr. St. Amant said Mr. Voisin's apparatus can be used on privately leased areas without such permission and had proven to be very successful. Dr. St. Amant stated the proposal for this oyster dredge to be used on public seed grounds has been reviewed and found that this operation should not interfere in any way with other oyster fishermen using

the area but that should problems arise that the Commission reserve the right to rescind the permit. He therefore recommended permission be granted to Mr. Voisin.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received a request from Mr. Charles Voisin for permission to operate a newly designed oyster dredge on public seed grounds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to Mr. Charles Voisin to operate his newly designed oyster dredge on the public seed grounds of the State of Louisiana since initial studies indicate that it will not interfere with other oyster fishermen utilizing the same body of water. Except that should problems develop the Commission reserves the right to modify or cancel this permit.

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

Chairman Jones then called on Mr. Allan Ensminger for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Ensminger explained the Commission received a request from Cities Service Oil Company for permission to dredge an access slip to service State Lease 3942, Well No. 5 on the Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area. Mr. Ensminger said this will simply

be a drilling slip 150 feet wide by 400 feet long cut into the north bank of the Cheniere Pass. He continued by telling that the proposal had been examined by Commission personnel and found to be feasible provided the company shall adhere to certain terms and conditions as stated in the agreement.

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

WHEREAS, the Cities Service Oil Company has made application to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for permission to dredge an access canal on the Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Cities Service Oil Company to dredge an access canal to service State Lease 3942, Well No. 5, located on the Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area, in T-23-S, R-32-E, in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. Said approval is hereby granted provided the Cities Service Oil Company shall agree to adhere to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement which shall be binding upon said company.

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

Chairman Jones then recognized Mr. Joe Herring to the floor to discuss the remainder of the items listed on the agenda.

Mr. Herring began by telling the Commission of the notification received from the Department of Public Works stating that Contract No. 5962 with D & A Construction, Inc. has been completed. Mr. Herring said the contract was for the purpose of constructing a boat launching ramp and appurtenances on the west bank of Delcambre Canal, Iberia Parish, Louisiana. Mr. Herring recommended the Commission's approval on the acceptance of completion of this contract and requested an extension also be granted on same to the date of acceptance.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright, 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. 5962, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and D & A Construction, Inc., contractor for the construction of a boat launching ramp and appurtenances on the west bank of Delcambre Canal in the Town of Delcambre, Iberia 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 D & A Construction Company, Inc., Contractor, under Contract No. 5962, with said Commission, dated May 31, 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 Iberia, Louisiana.

Mr. Herring also told the Commission of the notification received from the Department of Public Works on the completion of contract No. 5983, between the Commission and Morrison Engineering and Contracting Company, Inc. for the construction of a concrete boat launching ramp, parking area and the treated timber pier on Long Lake in Section 6, T-12-N, R-5-E, Caldwell Parish. It is also recommended that approval be granted on an extension of the contract time to the date of acceptance.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Norris, 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. 5983, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Morrison Engineering and Contracting Co., Inc., contractor for the construction of the concrete boat launching ramp, the parking area and the treated timber pier on Long Lake in Section 6, T-12-N, R-5-E, Caldwell 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 Morrison Engineering and Contracting Co., Inc., Contractor, under Contract No. 5983, with said Commission, dated June 28, 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 Caldwell, Louisiana.

Mr. Herring continued by telling the Commission a request had been received from Mr. Bill James, Police Juror of Tensas Parish representing Ward 6, for the opening of a five day doe deer season during the last 5 days of the deer season as the land in this ward extends east of the Mississippi River. Mr. Herring also said it would probably simplify matters for the enforcement of the laws as this would mean the season would be the same as that of Mississippi and this land is adjoining the Mississippi border.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did receive a request from Mr. Bill James, Police Juror of Tensas Parish, for the opening of a doe season in Ward 6 of his parish, and

WHEREAS, this ward is adjacent to the Mississippi stateline where their season will begin on December 26th which would correspond with the aforementioned request, and

WHEREAS, in having the season to correspond, much more efficient enforcement of the laws in the area can be had.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare Ward 6 of Tensas Parish to be open to the taking of doe deer during the last five days

of the deer season, beginning on December 26, 1968.

Mr. Herring then explained to the Commission that reports have been received that bullets have been fired into the homes of various residents living in the Waddill area. All of the reports were checked and found not to have been fired from the Waddill tract but rather from adjacent wooded areas. Mr. Herring continued by telling that in the past all attempts to improve the Waddill tract have been futile due to vandals entering the area and deliberately destroying or damaging the facilities. He said repeated efforts have been made to secure funds to develop the area, but each year the request has been denied. Mr. Herring said that until the Commission receives funds for a caretaker and help for him to look after the area and until funds are received from the legislature in our budget for development, it is recommended to the Commission that the use of any type of firearms on the Waddill tract be prohibited.

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

WHEREAS, reports have been received that bullets have gone into houses located in the subdivisions adjacent to the Waddill Tract which is owned by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, in the past several years any and all improvements to the area have been damaged and destroyed by vandals.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby restrict and prohibit, by law,

the use of any type of firearm on the Waddill tract. This shall prohibit the use of all types of pistols, rifles, shotguns or weapons fired by explosives (powder).

Mr. Herring continued by stating the request of the Water District No. 1 of Union Parish is for a right-of-way agreement for a water line across property the Commission has leased from the D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District. Mr. Herring explained that actually the Louisiana Department of Public Works would be the agency doing the construction for the Water District No. 1 of Union Parish for the purpose of installing rest room facilities on an adjacent parcel of land.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has leased a certain parcel of land on Lake D'Arbonne from the Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District for a period of 25 years whereby said Commission constructed a public boat launching ramp and parking area on the land, and

WHEREAS, the Water District No. 1 of Union Parish has agreed to install public rest room facilities on an adjacent portion of land, provided the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and the Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District grant approval of a water line right-of-way across said land.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve and grant permission to

the Water District No. 1 of Union Parish for a water line right-of-way across a certain parcel of land on D'Arbonne Lake provided the owners of said land, the Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District, concurs with said agreement.

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 telling the Commission of the East Carroll Parish Police Jury's resolution requesting the closure of the second portion of the doe deer season in the parish. Mr. Herring said this proposal has been examined and the Commission personnel in the District II office concur with the request of the East Carroll Parish Police Jury.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did receive a request from the East Carroll Parish Police Jury for the closure of the doe deer season during the second portion of the season in their parish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare the second portion of the deer season in East Carroll Parish to be closed to the taking of doe deer during December 26 to January 4, 1969. This Parish shall have a buck only deer season during the aforementioned dates.

Mr. Herring then said Commission personnel recently met with

representatives of the Lutchter-Moore Lumber Company to discuss the possibility of amending the lease agreement to include an additional parcel of land adjacent to that portion of land the Commission has already leased from the Lutchter and Moore Lumber Company for the purpose of constructing camp sites for public use on same.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission personnel did meet and negotiate with the Lutchter and Moore Lumber Company to amend the present lease on the Lutchter-Moore Wildlife Management Area to include a camping site adjacent, and

WHEREAS, said camping site shall be established and maintained by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for hunters and other persons utilizing the wildlife management area, and

WHEREAS, said camping site is located and more properly described as being a part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, T-1-N, R-10-W, Vernon Parish, containing 5.6 acres, more or less.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve to amend the lease agreement with the Lutchter and Moore Lumber Company to include the aforementioned camping site land of approximately 5.6 acres.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission shall agree to the following terms and conditions which shall be stipulated in the amendment:

- (a) To erect a stock proof fence completely surrounding the camp site area;
- (b) To provide a water well and suitable pump for the use of the persons utilizing the camp site area;
- (c) To provide and maintain garbage and trash cans throughout the camp site area and provide a system for the regular disposal of said trash and garbage;
- (d) To erect and maintain in clean and sanitary manner two outdoor privies;
- (e) To generally keep the camp site area clean and free from refuse and to keep the underbrush reasonably clear.

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 next told the Commission of the timber sale on 245 acres of land on the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Herring said the bids were advertised for through the Division of Administration for which a total of two bids were submitted. The high bid received was from Anthony Forest Products in the amount of \$22,758.70. Mr. Herring said the bid is a good one and recommended Commission approval on same.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has initiated a selected timber cutting program on the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area in Bossier Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did request the Louisiana Division of Administration to advertise

for bids on Requisition No. 180-8-39 for which two bids were submitted.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Division of Administration to award a contract to the high bidder, Anthony Forest Products of Springhill, Louisiana, in the amount of \$22,758.70 for certain selective timbers to be cut on a 245 acre portion of the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area, being more specifically specified in the Louisiana Division of Administration Requisition No. 180-8-39.

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 explained that another timber sale had also been advertised for on the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area, on a 200 acre portion of the tract of land. The high bid received by the Division of Administration on Requisition No. 180-8-37 was that of Santian Southern Company in the amount of \$18,253.09 and Mr. Herring recommended the Commission accept the awarding of a contract to this company.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did request the Louisiana Division of Administration to advertise for the sale of certain selective timbers on the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area, located on a 200 acre tract of said land, Bossier

Parish, Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Division of Administration to award a contract to the highest bidder, Santian Southern Company of Ruston, Louisiana, in the amount of \$18,253.09 for the cutting of certain selective timbers on a 200 acre tract of the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area, and being more specifically described in the Louisiana Division of Administration Requisition No. 180-8-37.

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

Next, Mr. Herring requested the Commission's approval on entering into a lease agreement with the Orleans Levee Board on a 33,000 acre portion of land located in the Bohemia Spillway for the purpose of establishing a wildlife management area on same. Mr. Herring said the Orleans Levee Board is in agreement and recommended the Commission's approval on same.

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

WHEREAS, Commission personnel met with the Orleans Levee Board for the purpose of negotiating for a lease of a certain tract of land in the Bohemia Spillway.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby agree and approve to enter into

a twenty-five (25) year lease agreement with the Orleans Levee Board for approximately 33,000 acres, more or less, located in Plaquemine Parish described as that portion of land bounded on the northwest by the Town of Bohemia, on the southeast by the Town of Ostrica, and extending east-southeast to the open sea. The western boundary is designated by 20 miles of frontage along the eastern side of the Mississippi River between Bohemia and Ostrica. Said lease shall be entered into for the purpose of establishing a wildlife management area and all terms and conditions as stipulated in the lease agreement shall be adhered to by 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.

Chairman Jones again recognized Mr. Richard Yancey to the floor.

Mr. Yancey said the Commission received a request from the Tensas Parish Police Jury for Ward 1 not to be open on December 26th to the taking of doe deer. Mr. Yancey said this matter had been previously checked by the Commission biologists and it is recommended that the doe deer season be left open as previously announced.

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

WHEREAS, the Tensas Parish Police Jury has presented the

Commission with a resolution requesting the closure of Ward 1 for the forthcoming doe deer season, and

WHEREAS, Commission biologists have recommended the continuation of said season in the best interest of deer management and crop damage in the area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 10 day doe deer season in Ward 1 of Tensas Parish shall remain open and begin on December 26, 1968, as previously scheduled.

Chairman Jones then requested Mr. Yancey to give a report on the waterfowl situation.

Mr. Yancey said Louisiana now contains about 5 million ducks with most of them being in the rice fields and marshes. If weather conditions are good, we should enjoy a fair season although the birds are widely scattered. Mr. Yancey estimated about 300,000 geese in the state. He also said the duck will be a bit more difficult to bag as they will be mostly adults experienced in ways of recognizing blinds and decoys and avoiding hunters.

Chairman Jones then announced the dates of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival will be on January 14 and 15, 1969. He said in the past the festival had been financed by various agencies. This year the festival has requested that the Commission be asked to contribute \$1,000 towards this event.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival is in need of

financial assistance, and

WHEREAS, each year this festival is held in Cameron, Louisiana with various citizens throughout the state participating in the event.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve the appropriation of \$1,000 to be made for the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival.

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

Chairman Jones then asked if there was any other business to come before the Commission and then recognized Mr. Clyde Cloutier, President of the South Atchafalaya Sportsmen's Club.

Mr. Cloutier presented the Commission with a petition, reading the following:

"We, the undersigned resident sportsmen of the State of Louisiana, hereby request that a complete detailed investigation be conducted in the Bayou Cheramie, Bayou L'Ourse, and the Labidiville drainage canal area, concerning the large number of deer from undetermined causes. We further, hereby request, that copies of the results of this investigation be made public, for our information, and before any further damage is caused in depleting the remaining deer.

"If protective measures are not taken at once, then the conservation efforts of the past ten years will have been in vain."

Dr. Glasgow replied by requesting the hunters of the area to immediately report any sick deer seen in the area or dead deer which had not been dead more than an hour. In this way, Dr. Glasgow

explained, the biologists can more readily analyze the animals.

Mr. Joe Herring also commented by stating that Commission biologists have checked 11 deer on the area. These periodical checks began on August 20th of this year and since that date, 15 trips into the area have been made by our personnel. The Louisiana Cooperative Wildlife Unit at L. S. U., under the direction of Mr. John D. Newsom, are responsible for the analyzation of the deer. At present, they are still checking for various chemicals which may have caused the deer to die; however, they have not found any adverse effects on chemicals worked with. Mr. Herring said the University of Georgia should be requested to study these cases, as the Commission has a contract with them for this purpose.

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

WHEREAS, a number of deer have been found either dead or sick in the Atchafalaya Basin area, and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and the Louisiana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit have, since August 20, 1968, attempted to find the cause of the sick and dead deer in the area, and

WHEREAS, Louisiana maintains a contract with the University of Georgia, whereby upon request representatives of the University will investigate and study deer diseases to determine the causes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Southeastern Cooperative

Wildlife Disease Study team of the University of Georgia to investigate and determine the cause of the apparent deer die-off in the Atchafalaya Basin area of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a complete investigation be made in the area and also recommendations for the future in order that the deer herd can be properly managed for the Atchafalaya area.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, on motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Norris, the meeting was adjourned.


Clark M. Hoffpauer, Director