

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 6, 1985

GEORGE N. GRAY  
CHAIRMAN

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

March 6, 1985

AGENDA

	Page
1. Roll Call	1
2. Approval of Minutes of February 6, 1985	1
3. Monthly Survey Report	1
4. Monthly Enforcement Report	1
5. Boating Safety Report	1
6. Fish Hatchery Program	1
7. Land Acquisition	1
8. Baton Rouge Office Lease Agreement LSU	2
9. MARSH Program	3
10. Set date of July meeting	4

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

March 6, 1985

Chairman George N. Gray, presiding:

Members Present:

Dr. Jack Cappel  
Dr. Don Hines  
Mr. Joe Palmisano  
Mr. Dale Vinet

The regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission was called to order by Chairman George Gray, on Wednesday, February 6, 1985 at 10:00 AM at the Quail Drive Office in Baton Rouge.

A roll call was taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Vinet, seconded by Dr. Cappel to approve the minutes of February 6, 1985.

Harry Schafer presented the Survey Section Report at Tuesday's meeting for the period of February 1-28, 1985. During that period field activity consisted of 112 surveys scheduled, 72 were unable to be done due to bad weather or fishermen unable to meet surveyor. Surveys that were completed consisted of 11 leases that were tied into the monument control system, 1 application for new area, 14 fifteen year limitation applications, 7 restake applications and 7 no shows. Office activity consisted of \$7,202.34 lease rental collected, \$8,244.80 survey fees collected, 55 tonnage licenses issued, 29 dredging licenses issued and 10 leases issued.

Ray Montet presented the Monthly Enforcement Report for January 1985.

An update on the boating safety program was presented by Huey Sanders of the Information and Education Division and Charlie Clark of the Enforcement Division.

Janice Hughes of the Fish Division gave a slide presentation of the striped bass program and Charlie Biggar did a slide presentation on flathead catfish.

Hugh Bateman presented a resolution to the Commission to approve acquisition of two tracts of land in Avoyelles Parish. A motion was made by Dr. Cappel, seconded by Mr. Vinet, and passed unanimously, to accept this resolution.

(The full text of the resolution  
here is made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, the Department received legislative approval for land acquisition in 1984-85 including two tracts of land in Avoyelles Parish, the Ryland tract, 400± acres at a cost of \$230,000 (\$757.00 per acre) and the Magee tract, 1,372± acres at a cost of \$755,000 (\$550.00 per acre) and

WHEREAS, the funding is available for purchase of these two tracts at a fair appraised value, and

WHEREAS, both these tracts adjoin Department wildlife management areas, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou, and

WHEREAS, this additional 1,772 acres, when acquired, will provide valuable game and non-game wildlife habitat to the Department's wildlife management area system and provide increased recreational opportunities for Louisiana sportsmen, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on this date, March 6, 1985, does approve the purchase of the Ryland and Magee tracts at a total cost of \$985,000.00 as additions to the Department's Spring Bayou and Pomme de Terre Wildlife Management Areas and that these lands be managed and developed to benefit wildlife and fisheries resources and for public recreation including hunting, fishing, trapping and other out of door related activities.

Joe Herring presented a resolution to the Commission to approve leasing additional from LSU to construct a new building for the Department. A motion was made by Mr. Vinet, seconded by Dr. Hines, and passed unanimously, to accept this resolution.

(The full text of the resolution  
here is made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has leased from LSU, 6.27 acres of land for the purpose of office and field operation stations; and

WHEREAS, this lease is for 40 years beginning April 1, 1968, and ending April 1, 2008, with option to renew for 40 additional years; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has asked LSU through its President, M. D. Woodin, for an additional 2.50 acres bringing the total acreage to 8.77 acres; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries plans to construct a new Administration building, storage facilities and laboratories to centrally house the Department; and

WHEREAS, the land description of the lease and other agreements are adequately described in the Amendment to Lease Agreement as prepared and submitted by LSU to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries accept this Amendment to Lease Agreement with Louisiana State University and Agriculture and Mechanical College beginning April 1, 1968, and ending April 1, 2008, with option to renew for 40 additional years, total acreage of lease 8.77 for the purpose of constructing Administration building, storage buildings and laboratories; now

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission through its Chairman, George N. Gray, and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries through its Secretary, J. Burton Angelle, Sr. thank Dr. Martin D. Woodin, President of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and Dr. Charles L. Martin, Assistant Vice President; Facility Planning for their cooperation in providing the land for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries office complex.

Joe Herring gave an update along with a resolution on the DU - MARSH program, Ducks Unlimited - Matching Aid to Restore States Habitat.

(The full text of the resolution here is made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, Ducks Unlimited has initiated a new program, Matching Aid to Restore States Habitat (M.A.R.S.H.); and

WHEREAS, this program is providing money to the States for waterfowl enhancement; and

WHEREAS, the amount of money allocated for each state is based on the revenues taken in by the State Chapters; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Sportsmen are one of the larger contributors to Ducks Unlimited, contributing over \$2,000,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's portion for waterfowl enhancement programs will be approximately \$150,000 plus each year; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission through its Chairman, George N. Gray and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries through its Secretary, J. Burton Angelle, Sr. expresses their gratitude, thanks, congratulations and appreciation in Ducks Unlimited foresight to assist states in waterfowl development projects for the Sportsmen; now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries expresses its thanks to Ducks Unlimited for their foresight in work they are doing on the Canadian Waterfowl Breeding grounds for the enhancement of our Nation's waterfowl populations.

The July meeting was set for Tuesday, and Wednesday, July 2nd and 3rd in Baton Rouge.

Dale Vinet mentioned that a lot of people have told him about the problems they are having obtaining their commercial licenses. The agents are having trouble checking these people who have a receipt and with the people who have not applied for the licenses. Mr. Gray asked that we have for the next meeting, an overall report on the license structure. Mr. Vinet asked for a better way of issuing licenses.

Ms. Van Sickle stated that we are starting to have meetings with the attorney and all the different representatives of the divisions and the licensing section every month or so and starting to draft things. She stated that by the 1986 Legislative Session that we would have a license package put together that would be acceptable to everyone.

Mr. Gray adjourned the meeting.