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BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 23, 1973

10:00 o'clock a.m.

J. G. JONES, Chairman

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. . . The Board Meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission convened at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 1973, at the Wild Life and Fisheries Building, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, J. G. Jones, Chairman, presiding. . . .

PRESENT WERE:

- J. G. JONES, Chairman
- H. C. WRIGHT, Vice-Chairman
- J. B. ANGELLE, Director
- L. J. AUTIN, Member
- H. C. LUTTRELL, Member

A G E N D A

- 1. Approval of minutes of November 19, 1972. (4)  
LYLE ST. AMANT
- 2. Request for permit to remove fill material (4)  
from Banks of Six Mile Lake by Charlie R. Solar, Manager of Solar's Towing Company.
- 3. Amend present permit of Lake Providence (12)



Dredging Company, Inc. to dredge for fill material in Mississippi River to include two additional locations: Mile 477.7 to Mile 478.2 AHP and Mile 491 to Mile 493 AHP.

ALLAN ENSMINGER

- 4. Acceptance of final contract of construction of steel sheet piling bulkhead of Houston-New Orleans, Inc. (14)

JOE HERRING

- 5. Delete 160 acres of land from Cities Service Wildlife Management Area. (15)
- 6. Declare blackbirds, crows and starlings as predator birds. (17)

OTHER BUSINESS

- 7. Set date for June public hearing in Alexandria. (21)
- 8. Dr. George Lowrey's book "Mammals of Louisiana and Adjacent Waters." (22)
- 9. Budget discussion. (34)
- 10. Discussion of proposed menhaden season. (25)
- 11. Collection of fur severance tax. (28)
- 12. Congratulatory telegram re Commission assistance, removal of chlorine barge. (33)



CHAIRMAN JONES: The meeting will come to order. Let the record reflect that there are four members present, Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Wright, Mr. Autin and myself, Jerry Jones.

The first item of business is the approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 19, 1972. You have been furnished a copy of the printed minutes. What is your pleasure?

MR. WRIGHT: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Wright. Is there a second?

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Luttrell. Is there any discussion? Is there any objection?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

In Dr. St. Amant's absence, Dick, are you going to take his place?

MR. YANCEY: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, an application has been received from Solar's Towing Company of Morgan City for permit to remove fill material from Six Mile Lake. Of course, this lake is located slightly northwest



of Morgan City. This application has been reviewed and found to meet all the requirements of the Commission and Dr. St. Amant is recommending that the Commission authorize issuance of the permit for the removal of this fill material. Of course, it will be on the basis of a royalty of two and a half cents per cubic yard of material removed.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. WRIGHT: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Wright. Is there a second?

MR. AUTIN: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Autin. Is there any further discussion? Any objection? Yes, sir. I am sorry. I was looking down and didn't see you.

FROM THE FLOOR: This is for the authorization of the removal of sand?

THE CHAIRMAN: From Six Mile Lake. Do you want to be heard on that?

FROM THE FLOOR: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Fine. I am sorry. Let



me apologize. Please come to the microphone and state your name, sir.

MR. CRAMER: My name is Frank Cramer, Jr., and I represent the owners of the land owned by my father and my cousin and I would just like to read a copy of a letter that our attorney representing us sent to the Corps of Engineers, Mr. Charles Solar and the Wild Life and Fisheries. I think I can best sum the whole thing up by just letting me read the letter.

(Reading) "Gentlemen: I have been contacted by the Cramer heirs, who are owners of Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Section 13, Township 15 South, Range 11 East, Southwest Land District of Louisiana, as a result of a notice which appeared in The Daily Review of Morgan City on Wednesday, January 17, indicating that Solar Towing Company made an application to the Corps of Engineers and the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries for a permit to dredge removal of sand from Cypress Point down to an area near South Pass, approximately six miles above Morgan City.

"We take this means of calling your



attention to the fact that a considerable portion of the area above described is land which has been formed by accretion to Lots 1, 2 and 3 above described. The portion indicated is more particularly shown by an arrow on the map appearing in copy of The Morgan City Daily Review, which is attached hereto.

"Additionally we are also attaching a plat showing the land of J. F. Cramer, et al., in Section 13, made by Walter Kemper, Civil Engineer, February, 1930. We believe that considerably more accretion has been taking place than that which appears on the Cramer plat.

"Be informed that the Cramer owners stringently object to the granting of any permit which might permit any removal of sand or other materials from the land formed by accretion to the property described."

So, we would like to protest the removal of the sand that has been formed by accretion adjacent to Lots 1, 2 and 3.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me ask you first a question. Are we together on where the applicant



intends to dredge from? Can you determine that by his application?

MR. YANCEY: This plat that he submitted indicates that we are talking about the same thing.

THE CHAIRMAN: O.K., thank you. No. 2, where is our lawyer, Peter Duffy? The problem is that someone has applied to us for a permit to get fill material from accretion on the stream, and the adjoining landowners have objected. Would you advise us?

MR. DUFFY: I have to get a little more information. If the title in the stream is navigable, that could have a very significant bearing on whether or not the adjacent landowners have any say-so or not.

MR. CRAMER: You mean whether or not the pass is navigable would have a bearing?

MR. DUFFY: Whether it has been declared navigable.

MR. CRAMER: This could be determined, but I really don't know.

MR. DUFFY: That fact could be significant as to our jurisdiction over it. We have



jurisdiction over all water bottoms when they are titled in the state. Of course, not all water bottoms are titled in the state and under our general property laws, you run into the problem where you have adjacent landowners who, if the stream is not really navigable and is not titled in the state, there is some question as to how far their rights extending to the bottom of the stream.

MR. CRAMER: Well, again, I guess this would be a point of law to be determined by engineers and lawyers, but what we are simply saying is that the accretion -- we have a plat that was made up in 1930 to demonstrate, which is very old. I am sure that the thing has changed considerably since then. That the accretion adjacent to this land was formed by nature and is therefore part of our land, and we would definitely object to the dredging of this accretion. This is what we are saying.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Cramer.

MR. CRAMER: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me just make a



suggestion to the Commission. In view of the fact that we have the objection, there may be some question as to whether or not we really have authority to do it. I would suggest to the Commission that we refer the matter to our attorney, Mr. Peter Duffy, and to Dr. St. Amant, to get together with Mr. Cramer or their lawyers and determine the facts for us and come back next month with a recommendation.

MR. CRAMER: This is really what we wanted to do.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is that all right, Peter?

MR. DUFFY: I think that is fine.

MR. CRAMER: Thank you very much.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any objection to that?

(No response)

Thank you. We will table that. Oh, here is another person who wants to speak. There again I had my head down.

MR. KNOTT: Mr. Chairman, gentlemen, I am Tom Knott, representing Southern Natural Gas Company. I only wanted to make all the interested parties aware of two pipelines that we have



crossing the area that was shown on this plat published in the Morgan City paper. We do cross the area that was set up for this dredging project.

Of course, we don't intend making a statement of any sort now. Our people will do that later, after we receive more information concerning the project. That is my only wish this morning, that everyone is aware of these pipelines in this area.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would you do us a favor, please, sir? Do you have maps and whatnot that would show the exact location of your pipelines?

MR. KNOTT: Our people will do that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would you furnish those to Dr. St. Amant's office so that we could determine whether or not there is any possibility of conflict with your right-of-way?

MR. KNOTT: Yes, sir. We will do that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

MR. KNOTT: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there anyone else who wants to be heard about this? Mr. Wright withdraws



his motion to approve No. 2 and we will table Item No. 2 until next month.

Dick, Item No. 3.

MR. YANCEY: Lake Providence Dredging Company has an outstanding permit to remove fill material from the Mississippi River in that area where it acts as the east boundary of East Carroll Parish and they are asking that that permit be amended to include some additional acreage between Mile 477.7 and Mile 478.2 and Mile 491 to Mile 493. Dr. St. Amant has examined this request and feels that it is in order and he recommends to the Commission that this permit be amended to permit Lake Providence Dredging Company to work in this additional reach of the Mississippi River, for purposes of removing fill material.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. AUTIN: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Autin. Is there a second?

MR. WRIGHT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Wright.



Is there any discussion? Any objection?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

(Text of the resolution  
is here made a part of  
the record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend the permit of the Lake Providence Dredging Company, Inc. to dredge for sand, gravel and fill material from the Mississippi River along the right bank below False Point Revetment between Mile 440.5 and 441.4; between Mile 426.1 and 427.1; between Mile 424.5 and 425.8; Mile 415.4 and 417.0; between Mile 409.5 and 411.0; and between Mile 394.1 and 395.8 AHP, which was issued August 19, 1969 to August 19, 1974, to include Miles 477.7 to Mile 478.2 AHP and Mile 491 to Mile 493 AHP.



THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Dick. Allan.

MR. ENSMINGER: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Commission, we have received notice from the Department of Public Works that all of the work called for under Contract No. 6433 between our Commission and Houston-New Orleans, Inc. for the construction of the steel bulkhead on our state wildlife refuge has been completed. This was the work that was performed in conjunction with the OEP project to repair a break in the shoreline between North Lake and Vermilion Bay. We have inspected this site with officials from OEP and they have given us the final approval on this project and I would like to recommend that our Commission accept this final completion report from Public Works.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. LUTTRELL: It has been moved by Mr. Luttrell.

MR. WRIGHT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Wright. Is there any further discussion? Is there any



objection?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

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the record.)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild  
Life and Fisheries Commission has been  
notified by the Louisiana Department of  
Public Works that all work called for  
under Contract 6433 between the Com-  
mission and Houston-New Orleans, Inc.  
has been completed in accordance with  
the detailed plans and specifications,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED  
that the Louisiana Wild Life and  
Fisheries Commission does hereby  
accept the work performed under Con-  
tract 6433, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that  
the Director be authorized to sign all  
documents pertinent to this acceptance.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.



The first item we have is the deletion of some land from the Cities Service Wildlife Management Area. Recently Budget Investors has purchased 160 acres within our Cities Service Wildlife Management Area. This is the East one-half of East one-half of Section 24, Township 19 North, Range 4 East, in Ouachita Parish. They are now requesting, since they have purchased this land, that it be deleted from the Wildlife Management Area. Since this is leased land, I would recommend to the Commission at this time that we do go ahead and delete it out.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. AUTIN: I so move.

MR. WRIGHT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Autin, seconded by Mr. Wright. Is there any further discussion? Any objection?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

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the record.)

WHEREAS, Budget Investors, Inc. has purchased a 160-acre tract of land situated within the Cities Service Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, this land is described as the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of Section 24, Township 19 North, Range 4 East, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, Budget Investors, Inc. has requested that this land be deleted from the Wildlife Management Area lease,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission delete the described 160 acres of land from the Management Area lease.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, the next item is that we have had numerous requests from the sportsmen over the state that a season be set on crows and blackbirds and starlings at some time.



These requests have been received over a period of years, you might say, by the Commission and these birds are in the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the same as waterfowl, except that we do set a season on waterfowl and we have never really set a season on these birds.

It is proposed this time when we are setting the '73-'74 hunting seasons in June, or discussing it in June and July, that we do set a season on the blackbirds and crows and starlings for the people of our state. Alabama several years back did this very same thing and, talking to their people yesterday by telephone, it has worked out very successfully and they have had no problems with it, and yet it relieves them on some of the crop depredations that they are receiving from the blackbirds and crows.

I would like to recommend to the Commission at this time that we pursue this and go ahead and set a season on these birds.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. WRIGHT: Can we open that season now,



Mr. Herring, or do we wait until after June? Can't we open it now?

MR. HERRING: I think we can just go ahead and say now that we have no closed season and no bag limit on these birds at this time.

MR. WRIGHT: In other words, it takes effect as of now.

MR. HERRING: Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Wright. Is there a second?

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Luttrell. Is there any other discussion? I thought you had cowbirds in there, Joe.

MR. HERRING: In the resolution it does call for cowbirds.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any objection?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

(Text of the resolution  
is here made a part of  
the record.)



WHEREAS, the current standing Federal Depredation Order from the Federal Register, May 6, 1972, Title 50, Part 16, Migratory Bird Permits, Section 16.22, Depredating blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles, common crows, magpies and horned owls states:

"A Federal permit shall not be required to control yellow-headed, red-winged, bi-colored red-winged, tri-colored red-winged, and Brewer's blackbirds, cowbirds, all grackles, common crows, magpies, and horned owls when found committing or about to commit depredations upon ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock, or wildlife or when concentrated in such numbers and manner as to constitute a health hazard or other nuisance."



WHEREAS, blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows have been found to commit these acts within the confines of the State of Louisiana,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does declare that all blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows found at any time within the confines of the State of Louisiana shall fall under the regulatory authority of Federal Depredation Order, Title 50, Part 16, Section 16.22 and may, therefore, be killed without a permit.

THE CHAIRMAN: Under Other Business, we have the matter of setting our annual public hearing date for seasons and bag limits in June. Mr. Angelle, do you have a suggestion as to dates?

MR. ANGELLE: It has been generally agreed that the dates be set June 22 and 23 at the Ramada Inn in Alexandria.

MR. WRIGHT: The public meeting would be at 10:00 o'clock and the season and bag limit



hearing starting immediately thereafter. Is that it?

MR. ANGELLE: That is right.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. LUTTRELL: I so move.

MR. AUTIN: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Luttrell, seconded by Mr. Autin. Is there any further discussion? Any objection?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

THE CHAIRMAN: "Mammals of Louisiana."  
Mr. Angelle, do you want to take that up?

MR. ANGELLE: Mr. Yancey or Joe, do you want to substitute for Dr. George Lowrey in presenting the information on the mammal book, or you Mr. O'Neil? Would you take the podium?

MR. O'NEIL: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, we have worked on what I think is one of the great books to be published by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries, "Mammals of Louisiana and Adjacent Waters." It will cover the whales and



aquatic mammals. We have been working on this book now since 1954, on and off, and the reason for the gap in the time period was that an artist who could really do mammals and put character into the art work of mammals we did not have. Finally, Mr. Pratt came as a professor at LSU and he didn't know that he could do art work on mammals, that he could actually put character into mammals' pictures, but he found that he could and we started again. The Board approved completion of this book two years ago and the manuscript is now ready, and I understand that for us to publish this book of around 550 pages with many color prints and a lot of art work, we will need \$40,000 from the Fur Division or from the Wild Life and Fisheries.

I believe that is what our stumbling block is right now, to get the \$40,000. Is that what you had in mind, Mr. Angelle?

MR. ANGELLE: That is right, Mr. O'Neil.

THE CHAIRMAN: As I understand, we are at the stage now where we are ready to go to print. We need the dollars to do it. The action needed by our Board is, No. 1, to approve the printing of



the book subject to the approval of the Division of Administration regarding funds. Am I correct in that?

MR. ANGELLE: That is right.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, what is your pleasure on that?

MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, I move that we budget the money for the book and ask the Division of Administration and see if we can't come up with the money for the book to go to press. I think it is a wonderful book and I think the people of Louisiana will have something definitely for education. There are beautiful prints and everything else. They are ready to go and I think we ought to have it.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Wright.

MR. AUTIN: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Autin. Is there any further discussion? Is there any objection?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.



Thank you, Ted. It is some of the most beautiful art I have ever seen.

We have in our audience Mr. Jack Styron with the menhaden industry. Mr. Styron, I would like for you to come to the microphone. He has a matter he would like to discuss with the Commission.

MR. JACK STYRON: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, I am Jack Styron of the Menhaden Advisory Council of Louisiana. This Council serves as a vehicle for coordinating industry-wide projects. We are presently working with LSU on a sea grant program, "Pollution Abatement and By-Product Utilization in the Louisiana Menhaden Industry." The Council is made up of all Louisiana menhaden boat and plant operators.

The purpose of my visit here today is to request that the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission authorize by executive order, or by any other applicable means, a limited season on the taking of menhaden from the waters of the state of Louisiana, as well as the processing of menhaden. There is 100 percent agreement that the starting date should be the third Monday in April and the closing



date the second Tuesday in October. By having a uniform opening date and closing date, it will have a large impact on the economics of the plant and boat operations. It will eliminate unnecessary early plant startups which some years prove to be very costly. Although no biological studies or surveys have been made, we feel that the best quality fish are available during the open season which we are suggesting.

I have attached to my letter here copies of letters from all the menhaden operators, indicating their approval of this requested action. As president of the Louisiana Menhaden Company of Cameron and president of the Empire Menhaden Company of Empire, Louisiana, I speak for them in approving this request. We hope that you will give it your favorable consideration.

If there are any questions, I will be glad to answer them.

THE CHAIRMAN: We were thinking, Mr. Styron, since really this is a new area that we were going into, something that we have not done before, that maybe the better way to handle the



matter would be, instead of us granting the request here today, to say that we propose to adopt that regulation a month hence, giving anyone the opportunity to examine it, and if they have objections to it, at the next month's public meeting we can then take action on it.

MR. STYRON: That is quite acceptable. Our proposed date is not until April, so we will have plenty of time.

THE CHAIRMAN: O.K., fine, especially since it is something new, you may have people come up and have questions about it, and I would much rather have the questions before we take action than later.

MR. STYRON: Do you have the date set for the next meeting yet?

THE CHAIRMAN: It is the fourth Tuesday. We will make it a point to let you know exactly so that you can be present.

MR. STYRON: Mighty fine. Thank you very much, gentlemen.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do I hear a motion that the Commission give public notice that we intend



to adopt a regulation along the lines set forth by Mr. Styron at our next meeting and informing the public that if they have any objections, comments, criticisms, agreements or what have you about it, that they appear at that time? We will consider adopting such a regulation.

MR. LUTTRELL: I so move.

MR. AUTIN: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Luttrell, seconded by Mr. Autin. Is there any further discussion? Is there any objection?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

Mr. Angelle has something that he wants to bring up.

MR. ANGELLE: Mr. Chairman, it has been brought to my attention by the legislative auditor that in 1957 or thereabouts the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission gave authority to suspend or to give credit to the fur dealers a 50 per cent credit on the collection of fur severance tax. It was also brought to the attention of the Supervisor of Revenue, Mr. Cuadrado, and he has since



written to our legal section, requesting an answer on two questions dealing with this 50 percent credit.

We have with us today from our legal section Mr. Peter Duffy and he has this morning brought me his comments on our authority to continue this 50 percent credit on the severance tax as it applies to the fur dealers or to the severance tax collected on the pelts. I would like to ask Pete to come up to the podium and pose these two questions that have been requested by the supervisor of revenue once it has been brought to our attention by the legislative auditor, that the Commission at this time has no authority to allow a deduction of severance tax over and above the authority of the legislature. Pete, would you take it over legally, with recommendations to the Commission as to where we should go from here?

MR. DUFFY: Thank you, Mr. Angelle. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, at the request of Mr. Joseph Cuadrado, the supervisor of revenue in our fiscal division, he asked me to check whether or not the Commission had authority



to give any suspension of collection of severance taxes or any adjustment on the collection of severance taxes as fixed by legislative act in Title 56 on the skins of animals that are trapped by trappers in the State of Louisiana.

I have carefully researched the applicable statute in Title 56, which is Section 257 and 258. I have also examined carefully the constitution and the taxing authority vested in the legislature by Article X. Finally, I have checked very carefully the Title 47, which deals with the collection of revenues and particularly Section 631 and those that follow, dealing with severance tax. I found no authority whatsoever delegated to the Commission which would permit the suspension of the collection of the severance tax or which would permit them to exercise any discretion in granting any adjustment on reduction in the collection of taxes, as set forth in the statute.

I have not been directed to any resolution that may have been adopted by the legislature, suspending the operation of this particular provision or any related provision. Consequently, I



must conclude that in the past, if we have been granting some type of adjustment less than that which is set forth in the statute, we are doing so without any real authority and that we should immediately change our fiscal procedures in this area and notify all persons that are going to be affected that we are going to have to collect the severance taxes as levied by the legislature unless the legislature gives the individuals affected some relief in the coming legislature.

MR. ANGELLE: Pete, also in your letter you say, "Your inquiry set forth in No. 3 in your letter of December 5 will be answered shortly in another opinion," and that deals with what part?

MR. DUFFY: That deals with the royalty we are now collecting on shell. We have a regulation that sets it at 12 cents and in certain areas we are collecting I think more than that, and he is making inquiry as to why there is a difference.

MR. ANGELLE: That is set forth by the legislature, though?

MR. DUFFY: Well, it is set forth by



regulation that we have adopted. It is a different issue altogether. It is not even related.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation of our attorney.

MR. WRIGHT: It is very clear.

THE CHAIRMAN: As I appreciate the matter, and, of course, I wasn't around in '58 and don't know what was in their minds but looking back at the history in the fur business -- if I am wrong, you may correct me -- as I understand, especially on nutria at that time, the nutria was declared an outlaw, I believe, and there was really no market for the animal. Maybe they did it to promote a market, but regardless of what reason they did it, if the law says that we are supposed to be collecting X percent or X cents, we are supposed to collect it. I don't think we have any choice. Do you?

MR. WRIGHT: None whatsoever.

THE CHAIRMAN: What is your pleasure then?

MR. WRIGHT: I move we go to collecting it, period.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr.



Wright that we immediately start collecting the tax as set forth in the law. Is there a second to that?

MR. LUTTRELL: I second the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Luttrell. Is there any further discussion? Is there any objection?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

Anything else, Burt?

MR. ANGELLE: Yes, I have something good. This is a telegram addressed to the Louisiana Fish and Wild Life in New Orleans and it reads, "As Regional Response Team Coordinator I express my deepest appreciation to you for your outstanding cooperation in the successful removal of the chlorine barge from under the span of the Southern Pacific Railroad bridge on the Atchafalaya River. Through your immediate response and unfailing effort, a disastrous situation has been averted. The patience and determination which you displayed, -- he is talking about our employees -- "in spite of the obvious dangers and the rigors of highly



adverse weather reflect most favorably upon you and your personnel. You can be justly proud of a job well done." It is signed by J. D. McCubbin, Rear Admiral, United States Coast Guard.

These (indicating) are just a number of other telegrams congratulating our efforts in coordinating our work along with the Coast Guard in attempting to divert a very, very serious situation. So, to those people who have been involved in this, I would like to give them a word of thanks, because they did offer themselves in time of great peril for their own personal safety.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Board echoes that, certainly. Have you anything else, Burt?

MR. ANGELLE: I think this is all at this time. We may go into the budget, and I would like to ask Mr. Larry Cook to go up to the podium and give us a brief explanation, until this can be further ratified, Mr. Chairman.

MR. LARRY COOK: As we were discussing yesterday evening --

MR. ANGELLE: And for the last three weeks.



MR. LARRY COOK: -- and for the last three weeks, and most probably for the next three weeks --

THE CHAIRMAN: And some were discussing it at 1:30 this morning, working on it.

MR. COOK: Our total available revenue for the financing of next year's expenditures amount approximately to \$20,264,325. The general operating -- this, of course, is without the adjustments made at one o'clock last night, and I think the adjustments will change this figure very slightly -- the total request that we have prepared amounts to \$13,653,524, excluding capital improvements.

The capital improvements at this time amount to approximately \$3,614,000. This includes federal funds. All of these figures do include federal funds, leaving a surplus, as of June 30, 1974, of approximately \$3,000,000. Like I am saying, this figure is adjusted slightly and I am thinking that this \$3,000,000 will come down, say, another \$200,000, so therefore there would be a surplus of 2.7 million in all of our available



funds, including federal funds.

THE CHAIRMAN: As I understand, your approach has been to submit to the Division of Administration a balanced budget. We are not asking for any type of deficit spending. Is that correct?

MR. COOK: That is correct.

THE CHAIRMAN: As I understand, the constitution requires that the board consider and act upon the budget when it is finally completed, so at our next meeting, when you finally pin all the cents down and get them all to balance out, you will present the budget and we will act upon it at that time, if it follows those guidelines. Thank you, Larry.

Burt, do you have anything else?

MR. ANGELLE: I don't have anything else unless we have some people in the audience, Mr. Chairman, that you may want to call on.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a distinguished gentleman with us, on the front row, Mr. Bosch. Nice to have you today, Charlie. I know you came to tell us that the hunting season that we set was



the greatest and that you killed more ducks and that you want it just like that next year. I know that is what you came for.

MR. BOSCH: Mr. Chairman, for the first time in your life, you are 100 percent wrong.

THE CHAIRMAN: Next year, if you would write what your preference is on the back of this piece of paper, Charlie, we will do exactly what you want to do, because we were wrong, but I don't know what right would have been. I don't know what right would have been. We were wrong.

MR. BOSCH: I honestly believe that if you had had any season I think we would have had poor shooting, because the season you set, in my mind the conditions were not right. I feel we had too many things working against us. That is my opinion. I had the choice of running four different places and was unsuccessful in all four places, so that means that the choice didn't make any difference.

MR. ANGELLE: Do we have any other comments from any of our division chiefs? Assistant Director Hurley, Ken, Joe, Bob, Chief Hogan, Dick,



Ted, Larry, Pete?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: If there is no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting is adjourned.

. . . Thereupon, at 10:40  
o'clock a.m., Tuesday,  
January 23, 1973, the regular  
monthly Board meeting of the  
Commission was adjourned. . . .

