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BOARD MEETING

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10:00 o'clock a.m.

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. . . The regular monthly Board meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission was held on Tuesday, August 27, 1974, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Wild Life and Fisheries Building, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, H. C. Luttrell, Chairman, presiding.

PRESENT WERE:

H. C. LUTTRELL, Chairman

MARC DUPUY, Vice-Chairman

J. B. ANGELLE, Director

D. G. BERRY, Member

J. THOMPSON, Member

D. F. WILLE, Member

A G E N D A

DR. LYLE ST. AMANT

1. Proposed modification of existing permit to remove sand and/or fill material from the Mississippi River to include Mile 105.3 by Kitchen & Ostarly, Inc. (4)
2. Renewal of permit for dredging sand and/or fill material from the Mississippi (6)



River at Mile 88.5 to Mile 87.5 in Chalmette, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana to become effective 9/23/74, by Jahncke Service, Inc.

3. Proposed dredging of sand from the Mississippi River in vicinity of Mile Post 222 or Mile Post 218 by Dow Chemical, U.S.A. (7)

4. Application for extension of Pointe-au-Fer area shell dredging lease by Radcliff Materials, Inc. (11)

MR. HARRY SCHAFFER

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MR. RICHARD YANCEY

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- 10. Request from CLECO for right-of-way on Saline Wildlife Management Area. (46)
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- 12. Permit for ingress and egress for Corps to make surveys on flood control, Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area. (54)
- 13. National Hunting and Fishing Day Resolution for September 28, 1974. (57)

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CHAIRMAN H. C. LUTTRELL: We are ready to open the meeting. Is Dr. St. Amant here? Doctor, we will take your part first.

DR. LYLE S. ST. AMANT: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, I have four items on the agenda this morning. The first item calls for a modification of permit, or request for



NOTE: The following items of business, not listed
on the formal agenda, were also discussed:

Change of date in setting trapping season. (35)

Change in date and place of public hearing
re seasons and bag limits (38)

Introduction of visitors. (63)

Commendation to Conservationist staff. (64)

Report of Director Angelle re transfer of
use of Highway Department Building at
Whiskey Bay to Commission. (67)



modification of a permit by Kitchen & Ostarly, Inc. to remove fill material from the Mississippi River at Mile 107 and 108, for which they do have a permit now, and to include Mile 105.3.

We have examined this and find that it meets the requirements of the Commission, but I would suggest that instead of a modification here, we issue them a new permit for this particular site, 105.3, since it should be for a period of one year only and have a royalty charge of five cents per cubic yard. The other permit is on a five-year period and it only has 2-1/2 cents, so this is in effect a new permit.

MR. THOMPSON: So move.

MR. BERRY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

The motion is carried.

(The full 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 grant permission to Kitchen & Ostarly, Inc. to remove fill material from the Mississippi River at Mile 105.3 for a period of one year from August 27, 1974, at a royalty of five cents per cubic yard.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, Doc. We are ready for No. 2.

DR. ST. AMANT: The second item is a request for renewal of an existing or expiring permit held by OKC Dredging, Inc., which is the new title for Jahncke Services. This is for fill material at Mile 88.5 and 87.5 in the Chalmette area, St. Bernard Parish, in the Mississippi River. Here again, they have met all the qualifications of the present permit satisfactorily. I would recommend that we reissue a permit but this time it shall be for one year at the new royalty of five cents per cubic yard.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation.



MR. DUPUY: I so move.

MR. THOMPSON: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

Motion carried.

(The full 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 grant permission to renewal of permit expiring September 23, 1974, to OKC Dredging, Inc., to dredge sand and/or fill material from the Mississippi River at Mile 88.5 to Mile 87.5 in Chalmette, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year at a royalty of five cents per cubic yard.

THE CHAIRMAN: No. 3, Doc.

DR. ST. AMANT: No. 3 is a request from



Dow Chemical Company for a dredging permit at Mile 222 and 218 in the Mississippi River. This is in the vicinity of Plaquemine, Louisiana. The request involves the need for fill material for one of their plant sites presumably and would amount to something like 1.1 million cubic yards.

It is recommended that this permit be granted at a royalty of five cents per cubic yard and for whatever period of time is necessary for them to remove this amount of material, after which the permit would terminate. In all probability this would be less than one year.

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

MR. DUPUY: Question, please, Doctor. In the event that the removal does in fact take more than a year, shouldn't we proceed with our regular policy of a one-year limitation?

DR. ST. AMANT: If that is the wish of the Commission, we can limit it to one year or less. That is no problem.

MR. DUPUY: I think we ought to make it one year and terminable in a shorter period of time



in the event that the work is completed in that time.

THE CHAIRMAN: Marc, I wish to state this is the proposition whereby the man had to delay dredging this material at the request of the State of Louisiana and he lost more than that length of time. I don't think that we should restrict it to just the one year.

DR. ST. AMANT: I don't think it will take that long at all.

THE CHAIRMAN: You don't think it will take that long? O. K.

MR. THOMPSON: Are you on 3 or 4?

DR. ST. AMANT: Three, for Dow Chemical.

MR. THOMPSON: I see. Well, they weren't the one --

THE CHAIRMAN: No, no, I see. I am in error. I was looking at the wrong one. I stand corrected.

DR. ST. AMANT: This is a new permit requested by Dow Chemical. They want the material for a single contract, presumably to put up some base for construction.



THE CHAIRMAN: O. K. Now let's vote on it as amended by Marc Dupuy.

MR. DUPUY: I move that we grant a permit for a one-year period.

MR. BERRY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Marc and seconded by Doyle Berry. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

Motion carried.

(The full 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 grant permission to Dow Chemical, U.S.A., to dredge sand from the Mississippi River, Area 1, at River Mile Post 222 or Area 2, at River Mile Post 218, in West Baton Rouge and Iberville Parishes, Louisiana, for a period of one year from August 27, 1974,



at a royalty of five cents per cubic yard.

THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry, Doc. Go ahead.

DR. ST. AMANT: The final application is a request by Radcliff Materials, Inc., to consider renegotiation of their shell lease on Pointe-au-Fer for a period in the amount that they were denied dredging by the State of Louisiana in order to protect the State's boundaries.

What happened here is the Radcliff people have held this lease but in 1968 they were requested by the State of Louisiana through the Attorney General's office and then through the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to cease and desist from dredging in this area because it might endanger the boundaries of the State of Louisiana. This company acquiesced and not only stopped dredging but also continued to pay the minimum royalty during this period.

After some consultation with the Attorney General and studies of the shell areas in Pointe-au-Fer, the Attorney General's office then okayed a certain area that could be dredged. They are still not allowed to dredge their entire lease and



will have to forfeit a portion of the area to the interest of the State of Louisiana, but they have been given permission to dredge in the back half of this lease and this became effective September 14, 1973 for a period of five years and 45 days from the time they ceased dredging.

After consultations with the Attorney General's office it was determined from them that it would be ethical and proper to grant to Radcliff Materials a new lease for this period of time, to become effective March 22, 1975 and terminate March 22, 1980. The Commission has examined this for several months and I am prepared to act on the wishes of the Commission.

MR. WILLE: I make a motion.

MR. BERRY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any discussion?

MR. DUPUY: Yes. I raise the question of whether -- Don, in your motion you are speaking in terms of granting a new lease, not an extension of the prior lease?

MR. WILLE: I believe we discussed yesterday extension of the prior lease.



DR. ST. AMANT: Extension is incorrect, Mr. Wille. You have to grant a new lease.

MR. DUPUY: I amend it for granting of a new lease for a period of time not to exceed that portion which had been interrupted under the prior lease.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: I think you need to justify the reasons for, instead of extension, the new lease, for the benefit of the press in their release.

MR. WILLE: And also we put a clause in there that if they finished prior to the expiration of the lease they would turn the bottom back.

DR. ST. AMANT: Correct.

MR. THOMPSON: The lease would revert back to us. That was my question.

MR. WILLE: That provision will be included in the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Now, you have heard the recommendation of Dr. St. Amant and the motion by Don Wille and second by Doyle Berry. If there is no further discussion, are you ready for the vote? Those in favor, say aye.



IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

The motion is carried.

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

WHEREAS Radcliff Materials,
Inc. holds a valid lease to dredge
for shells on Pointe-au-Fer Reef, which
will expire on March 22, 1975; and

WHEREAS no dredging has been
carried out under this lease for a period
of five years, between August 1, 1968 and
September 14, 1973, at the specific
request of the State of Louisiana in
order to protect its sovereign boundary;
and

WHEREAS after due consideration
by the Office of the Attorney General, it
has been established that Radcliff Mater-
ials, Inc. is entitled to dredge for an
additional five-year period in compensation



for the time lost in the interests of the State,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant a new lease to Radcliff Materials, Inc., commencing at the termination of the existing lease on March 22, 1975, this new lease to be valid for a period of five years or until all material is dredged from the area, whichever occurs soonest. No minimum royalty will be applicable to this new lease nor shall there be any option for renewal thereof; and the royalty applicable to any shell dredged after March 22, 1975, shall be at the rate of fifteen cents (15¢) per cubic yard.

THE CHAIRMAN: One of the things I need to do for the record and I let this slip, we have five Board members present today and do have a quorum. Mr. Jean Lapeyre finds it is impossible to be here for this meeting, and Mr. Jones, but we do have five Commission members and a quorum.



Thank you. Harry.

MR. HARRY SCHAFER: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, the Oyster Division has two seed reservations that they would like to have opened when the season opens on September 4 a half hour before sunrise, and these are Hackberry Bay or Bay DuChene in Jefferson Parish and Sister Lake seed reservations. We have checked these out. They do have some seed oysters on them and we would recommend to the Commission that these two reservations be opened for fishing.

MR. DUPUY: I so move, Mr. Chairman.

MR. THOMPSON: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the motion. All those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

Motion carried.

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

WHEREAS, recent sampling



operations indicate that there are satisfactory seed stocks in the Hackberry Bay (DuChene) Oyster Seed Reservation and the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation, and

WHEREAS, said reservations should be opened and made available to the oyster fishermen,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby open the Hackberry Bay (DuChene) Oyster Seed Reservation and the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation, in accordance with Act 616 of the 1974 Legislative Session, which opens said seasons one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise on the first Wednesday following Labor Day in September (September 4, 1974). Said seasons shall remain open with the same regulations as the regular oyster season; however, the Director shall be authorized and empowered to close the



two areas if it is deemed necessary by biological investigations and sampling.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Mr. Yancey.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, during the last session of the legislature the field trial associations in Louisiana had a bill introduced that would permit them to hold field trials and take pen-reared quail during the time of year when the regular quail season is closed in Louisiana. This bill became Act 307 and is now law.

The system under which this would be handled by the Commission would be that they would have to be a recognized field trial association and they would have to apply for a permit to hold the field trial, apply for a permit from the Commission and then the Commission would grant the permit for them to hold this field trial and take these pen-reared quail during the closed season.

We would like to recommend that you authorize the Director to process these applications and issue these permits, provided the application is submitted by a recognized field trial



association and on the application that they show the time, date and place of the field trial, and they list the officers of the association and that they certify that they have the permission of the landowners, and that they also submit the application at least two or three weeks prior to the time that the field trial would be held.

This system is in effect in some of the other states and we have checked in some of the other states and this is the method that they use to handle this type of situation. We would recommend that the Commission allow the Director to process these applications and issue these permits as they come.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. Is there any discussion?

MR. DUPUY: I so move, Mr. Chairman.

MR. THOMPSON: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have a motion by Mr. Dupuy, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.



(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Motion is carried.

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

WHEREAS, Act 307 of the 1974
Legislature provided that recognized
field trial associations could obtain
permits from the Louisiana Wild Life
and Fisheries Commission to take pen-
reared quail during closed seasons; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that
the Commission establish procedures
whereby applications for permits can
be processed,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
that permits will be granted to recognized
field trial associations for the purpose
of holding field trials during which
pen-reared quail can be taken provided
applications for such permits are sub-
mitted at least 15 days in advance of
the field trial, and the following



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information is furnished on the application: (1) the name of the field trial association; (2) the names of the officers of the associations; (3) the date, time and place that the field trial is to be held with the boundaries of the area to be clearly described; (4) the association shall certify that they have permission from the landowner; and (5) that they mail the application to the Director of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans Louisiana 70130.

MR. YANCEY: At the last meeting of the Commission held in Baton Rouge you set the waterfowl hunting seasons, but there was one season that was not finalized and it had to do with the fact that Louisiana, along with the other states, is allowed the option of taking a special hunting season on scaup or dosgris in portions of the state where these birds only are present and that this season could run for a period of 16 days and it would be held outside of the regular duck



season.

Now, Hugh Bateman, our waterfowl biologist has been in contact with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service since the last Commission meeting and they have approved of this special scaup season to be held in the bay areas of Southeast Louisiana between the days beginning January 11 and extending through January 26, 1975, with a daily bag limit of five and a possession limit of ten.

Now, under their requirements they would allow this season only in areas that were used only by scaup, and the only waterfowl areas that we have in Louisiana that would meet these requirements are in these saline bay areas of Southeast Louisiana that are painted on this map in yellow, extending generally from down around Timbalier Island, coming on up across the Mississippi delta, and around into Lake Borgne and Lake Pontchartrain.

We will frequently have a million to a million and a half of these ducks in this area at that time, so it does offer some hunting opportunity and we think that the Commission should go



ahead and set this season and allow those that want to participate to participate. Weather conditions are sometimes bad at this time of year in this area, and this is open water, and it can be a little bit tricky to hunt those ducks in that area, but we think that we should give the hunters the opportunity to participate in that if they want to, by setting these dates with the open season to apply in these yellow areas.

We have got a list of bays designated, but there is no point in going through all of those. They will be covered in the news release.

THE CHAIRMAN: I understand this is a first for Louisiana.

MR. YANCEY: This is the second time. We had it originally in Lake Borgne and Lake Pontchartrain about four or five years ago and the participation in it was very light. At that time there was no agreement reached on opening these bay areas, but now that this has been agreed to, we think there is some possibility here that should be explored.

THE CHAIRMAN: Dick, if the federal



government is offering us something that we may benefit from, I would say, let's take it.

MR. YANCEY: Right.

THE CHAIRMAN: So often we don't get things that we want, that we know are beneficial. Do I have a motion?

MR. THOMPSON: So move.

MR. DUPUY: Second.

MR. BERRY: I want to talk about it.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, discussion.

MR. BERRY: Jesse Ponder is going to kill me if you don't move over as far as Atchafalaya Bay at least.

MR. YANCEY: Well, we discussed the possibility of extending it on further west, and the trouble over there is you have got other species of ducks present in that area.

MR. BERRY: There won't be any left past the duck season!

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a large number of those ducks up on Catahoula Lake, but we also have a large number at that time of pintail and mallard

MR. YANCEY: That is the trouble. We



have got a lot of scaup in other parts of the state but mixed in with these are other species of ducks and during this season only scaup can be taken and only in this area of Louisiana. So, those that want to hunt these birds from other parts of the state, the hunters would just have to come down here.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. I just wanted to put you on notice that if Doyle Berry gets some down in the Atcahfalaya Basin I am going to get some in Catahoula Lake, so you had better not give in to either one of us!

MR. YANCEY: We get the message!

THE CHAIRMAN: Now, it has been moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Dupuy. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

Motion carried.

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



WHEREAS the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has authorized the establishment of a special duck-hunting season on scaup,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish a 16-day duck season during which scaup only can be taken. This season shall begin on January 11 and extend through January 26, 1975. Daily bag limit shall be five, possession ten; shooting hours shall begin one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Only the following areas in Louisiana shall be open during this period; these will not include any connecting or adjacent streams, canals, bayous, and marshes. All of these areas are located in southeast Louisiana:

SCAUP: (bluebill, dosgris)
January 11-January 26, 1975. Daily bag limit five, possession limit ten,



scaup only.

CAUTION: The areas in which scaup may be hunted in Southeast Louisiana will be confined to the open waters of the following lakes and bays but will not include the connecting or adjacent streams, canals, bayous and marshes:

American Bay, Lake Athanasio, Barataria Bay, Lake Barre, Bastian Bay, Bay Batiste, Black Bay, Bay Boudreau, Lake Borgne, Caillou Bay, Lake Calebasse, California Bay, Caminada Bay, Cat Bay, East Champagne Bay, Lake Chien, Creole Bay, Bay des Ilettes, Drum Bay, Eloi Bay, Lake Eloi, Lake Felicity, Bay Gardene, Lake Grande Ecaille, Jacko Bay, Bay Joe Wise, Kelly Gap, Lake LaFortuna, Lawson Bay, Bay Long, Long Bay, Lake Machias, Bay Melville, Morgan Harbor, Old Lady Lake, Pelican Lake, Lake Pelto, Lake Pontchartrain, Quarantine Bay, Lake Raccourci, Bay Ronquille, Bay Round, Lake St. Catherine,



Shell Island Bay, Shell Island Lake,
Bay Tambour, Terrebonne Bay, Timbalier
Bay, West Champagne Bay.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. O'Neil.

MR. TED O'NEIL: Mr. Chairman and Gentle-
men of the Commission, we have over the period of
the last three or four years had a lot of com-
plaints about mink and coon being stringy and
worthless during the end of our season, which
usually ends March 1, so we have made an attempt
to adjust this somewhat because coon and mink are
important to North Louisiana, more important to
North Louisiana than they are to the southern
trappers.

We have polled the trappers and buyers
and dealers of the state and they suggest that we
cut off the mink and coon trapping earlier in the
year. A lot of suggestions were that we stop the
trapping in January, the end of January, but it is
my recommendation after studying all the letters
that I have received that we zone the state. It
is my recommendation that all furbearers on upland
areas north of Interstate-10 to Baton Rouge, from



Texas to Baton Rouge, and Interstate-12 from Baton Rouge to the Mississippi line start on November 20 and end on February 20, 1975. Then below that line, start December 1 and end March 1, which is the same season that we have had on mink and coon or on all other furbearers, for South Louisiana.

MR. WILLE: What are the seasons for North Louisiana?

MR. O'NEIL: For North Louisiana?

MR. WILLE: Yes.

MR. O'NEIL: November 20, 1974 through February 20, 1975. It is not a difficult place for enforcement. We have a hundred yard right-of-way and I think enforcement can be carried out pretty well there and our enforcement division is doing a good job and trappers are easy to enforce the law on. If a fellow sets a trap, he has got to go back and look at it and he is easily handled. It is not very difficult.

MR. THOMPSON: So move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Just a minute. We will discuss this thing. Ted, if I understood you correctly, you said you thought this would result in



an improvement in the quality of the fur by dividing the state into districts.

MR. O'NEIL: I am sure it will, especially on the mink and the raccoon. Most of the raccoon and mink are all carrying young by the -- well, in fact, they start carrying young in January and they get real stringy about February 15 and 20 and they are almost worthless to the fur trade, and we are hurting our fur trade because we do have a good European market and our dealers will buy. They have to buy. The trappers have caught the animals and the dealer has to pick it up for some price, so they put it in their bulk that goes to Europe and the Europeans have to take the word of our dealers what is in the bales, and when they dress out those stringy coons, I am getting some kickback from the Europeans on the dressed furs, that they don't like our coons and mink. It is those late coons and late mink that they are kicking about. The fur is thin and red, rough.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, if it results in improvement of the finances of our trappers and so



forth, then I think it is a good move.

Is there any other discussion? If not, do I have a motion?

MR. THOMPSON: So move.

MR. BERRY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Berry. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed, no.

(No response)

Motion carried.

(The full 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 set the 1974-75 trapping season for nutria, beaver, mink, muskrat, otter, raccoon, opossum and skunk, which will be zoned as follows:

November 20, 1974 through February 20, 1975, in all areas NORTH of Interstate Highway 10 from the Texas



state line to Baton Rouge, and NORTH of Interstate Highway 12, from Baton Rouge to the Mississippi state line;

December 1, 1974 through February 28, 1975, in the coastal marsh, SOUTH of Interstate Highway 10 from the Texas state line to Baton Rouge, and SOUTH of Interstate Highway 12, from Baton Rouge to the Mississippi state line.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if additional time is required to prevent the overpopulation of nutria and muskrat in some areas, recommendations for an extended season be presented to the Commission's January, 1975, Board meeting.

MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, before you move on, I have several things pertaining to Ted that possibly ought to be said at this time, and maybe make a motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Do you want him to come back to the mike?



MR. THOMPSON: No, not right now. First of all, merely a statement. I understand that our coon population is at an all-time high. Am I correct, Ted? It is on a climb right up to a peak.

MR. O'NEIL: I would say maybe not an all-time high --

MR. THOMPSON: But up, way up.

MR. O'NEIL: It's up.

MR. THOMPSON: And it also is your prediction that when we get to this peak, then we will nosedive to the other side, in all probability.

MR. O'NEIL: That's the way furbearers work.

MR. THOMPSON: Yes. Well, the point that I was going to bring out, Ted, is that I certainly would hope that you would get that season for those kids to shoot those coons while the thing is at the peak and before it goes the other way, and then also that might give someone a little chance to blame it on the kids if it does go the other way, you know, and they want somebody for a scape-goat, they might use the kids for that, so bear that in mind.



Seriously, though, I am noticing here in our book -- incidentally, this is the coming issue in which all of the seasons are printed, along with a little poop on it -- and I don't see anything about the trapping season, and if it would fit your plans or if it is biologically sound, I would like to make a motion that next year the seasons for trapping be set at the same time we set our hunting seasons, or in the July meeting. Do you see anything that would conflict with this?

MR. O'NEIL: It has always been the policy to set it in the August meeting but there is no reason why it cannot be set at the July meeting.

MR. THOMPSON: O. K., and you would have no objection if we moved that to the July meeting?

MR. O'NEIL: No objection.

MR. THOMPSON: O. K. I so move that Mr. O'Neil be directed to present his trapping regulations at the July meeting hereafter.

MR. BERRY: I will second that, Mr. Thompson.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Thompson,



seconded by Mr. Berry, that we set the trapping season in the July meeting instead of the August meeting. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

Motion carried.

MR. O'NEIL: One point on this, in that the Board has the authority to adjust within this season. We can always curtail it if storms or anything happen and the Board wants to change it, we can with Board action later.

MR. THOMPSON: Ted, we have done this many times. I know we have changed seasons, cut them off and extended, and we have had quite a few battles. By way of explanation, my thinking on this that since everything is printed and since we print our pamphlets, if we could just get this this much earlier, I think it would be advantageous to all the people of the State because they pick up these little pamphlets that we don't have ready yet, do we, Dick? Do we have them ready?

MR. YANCEY: It will be another ten days.



MR. THOMPSON: They are being printed now?

MR. YANCEY: It will be another ten days before they are ready.

MR. THOMPSON: Another ten. Would you say that maybe our hunting regulations are what holds it up every year, or you know, contributes to it.

MR. YANCEY: Basically, the setting of the duck season is what holds it up, but it would help if we would set the hunting seasons and all these seasons a little bit earlier. We have got a big demand now from the hunters for these hunting season pamphlets but they are just not available.

THE CHAIRMAN: I don't see any way that we can do the duck season any earlier than we do, Dick, do you?

MR. YANCEY: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: That's federal, but we could get all the state material in much earlier.

MR. YANCEY: There have been some suggestions, Mr. Luttrell, that consideration be given to having the public hearing on seasons and bag



limits a month earlier, in May rather than in June, and maybe move the setting of the hunting seasons up a month.

MR. THOMPSON: Dick, I intended to make that motion at the end of our meeting, in other business, but I would just as soon go into it now, if you would go ahead and explain.

MR. YANCEY: Well, it definitely has merit. It would give us time to get these hunting seasons together in a more orderly and rational fashion and get them out to the public. With the September dove season starting usually around the first and the pamphlets coming out after the hunting season opens, this is bad. We could move this thing up a month. I don't know; Joe, do you see any problems with that? Move the public hearing up a month --

MR. THOMPSON: To May?

MR. YANCEY: -- and possibly the setting of the hunting seasons up a month. It would help. We get requests from your national sporting magazines, Field and Stream, Outdoor Life, and all of these, and they want the hunting seasons but we



don't have them set until real late, and it is just too late to get this information out to the public the way we are handling it now. It merits some consideration, moving all of this up about a month.

MR. THOMPSON: Well, Dick, I will just put that in the form of a motion now, that we hold our public meeting in Alexandria next May, and move our setting of our seasons up by that one month, which would be June. Of course, that motion I just made about Ted's trapping would conform to that, because I think I said when we set our other seasons, and then we can make alterations to it as time goes on.

MR. BERRY: Jimmie, why don't we have that in Baton Rouge instead of Alex next year?

MR. THOMPSON: Well, the reason we haven't had it there, two or three reasons. I know we don't set anything on tradition; we are supposed to be a progressive Commission, but it is more centrally located. We have found that we have more participation at Alexandria. Over the years that I have been on the Commission, we have had very few participants in the past few years simply for the



reason that our problems have been so nil. It used to be, I can remember when that thing was just packed and jammed with people. It has just been a tradition, and because of it being a central part of the state, and plus the fact that I live there, I would rather see it stay there.

MR. BERRY: Now we have got to the meat of the thing! Jimmie, really I think we ought to change that thing from time to time, to other places, plus the fact that the Commission owns a building in Baton Rouge and it doesn't cost us anything to meet. I believe in Alex we have to rent a place and go to some expense for it, and Baton Rouge is closer to my home than Alex is, by far.

THE CHAIRMAN: I will have to take Jimmie's part on that because --

MR. BERRY: You live around Alex, too!

THE CHAIRMAN: -- this was proven true with the state athletic meeting. It is perfectly possible for a person from the Arkansas line to drive to Alexandria and back within a period of a few hours, and for a person to drive from the



Coast, from the New Orleans border, to Alexandria and back. It is about an equal distance, about 150 miles each way.

MR. BERRY: I am trying to compromise on Baton Rouge instead of Berwick, Mr. Chairman!

MR. THOMPSON: He is fixing to out-trade you, Clay.

MR. BERRY: Well, we could have it in Bossier City!

MR. THOMPSON: I really don't have any strong feelings other than that I think I am correct that Alexandria probably would be the logical place, but as far as having a real strong --

MR. BERRY: Bill Day won't be in Baton Rouge, either!

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, we have him under control, Jimmie and I do, and he is no problem.

MR. THOMPSON: Well, that's a misdemeanor.

THE CHAIRMAN: He's our good friend, Jimmie. We have to stick up for him.

MR. THOMPSON: But we don't have him under control.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, a farfetched state-



ment doesn't hurt once in a while, when it is for a good cause.

MR. BERRY: I am going to make a motion we have it in Baton Rouge.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion that it be held in Alexandria. You can make a substitute motion.

MR. THOMPSON: I am going to vote against it.

THE CHAIRMAN: He can't make a motion. He is out of order. The Chair rules him out of order unless he wants to make an amendment.

MR. BERRY: I would like to amend the motion that we have it in Baton Rouge.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Do we have a second?

MR. DUPUY: I second it, to get it on the floor.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K. Any further discussion?

MR. BERRY: That's better than Berwick!

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K., if there is no further discussion, we will vote on the amendment.



The amendment to Mr. Thompson's motion that the annual meeting be held in Alexandria in May instead of June, as amended by Mr. Berry to be held in Baton Rouge. Those in favor of the amendment, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

IN UNISON: No.

MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, I demand a hand count.

(Whereupon a vote by show of hands was taken.)

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K., the vote is, for the record, three to one, three to two -- I am going to vote, Jimmie, that the general meeting will be next year in Baton Rouge in May.

O. K. Now we are ready to go to Joe. Jimmie, did you have anything else to bring up to confuse the Commission?

MR. THOMPSON: No, except I don't like that last night politicking!

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K., Joe.

MR. JOE HERRING: Mr. Chairman, I might



say one reason for no one hardly attending the public hearings, we have probably some of the longest hunting seasons now of any state in the Southeast and maybe in the nation on a lot of our species.

The first item we have on the agenda is Mr. Clay Luttrell, Chairman, has met with officials from the State Highway Department pertaining to salvage materials from a bridge in Rapides Parish. This material consists of concrete slabs, four feet by 20 feet by five inches thick, reinforced with 5/8 inch steel rods every four inches. Other materials may be available from this bridge, too, that the Highway Department is taking down.

We can use these materials for storage shed foundations, boat ramps, bridges and other projects that we have on our game management areas. The Highway Department will give us these materials just by request. They will help us load our trucks and we can haul it to our Wildlife Management Areas.

I would like to just recommend that we accept these materials.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the



recommendation.

MR. THOMPSON: I so move.

MR. DUPUY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Dupuy. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed, no.

(No response)

Motion carried.

WHEREAS the Louisiana Department of Highways is continuously improving road systems throughout the State of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS as a result of these programs of improvement, certain highway structures become obsolete and no longer usable for their original purpose, and

WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that certain bridge improvements have made it necessary to dismantle a reinforced concrete



bridge in Rapides Parish and to declare parts of this bridge as salvage material, and

WHEREAS the wildlife management area development program is always in need of such construction materials,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission hereby request that the Louisiana Department of Highways donate these salvaged bridge parts to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for use in the wildlife management area development program.

MR. HERRING: I might say if we take these materials, maybe it will get some off their hands and we can get some other good materials from other projects.

The next item, Central Louisiana Electric has requested a right-of-way along the east side of Highway 28 on our Saline Wildlife Management Area for relocation of a power line. This right-of-way will be 9,880 feet in length or 599 rods.



Their right-of-way request is for a 25-foot right-of-way. The Commission has also recommended that we charge on this right-of-way for the width \$12 per rod, which will be a total of \$7,188 for the right-of-way.

The move on this is due to the Catahoula Lake-Jonesville flood control levee that they are constructing.

I would like to recommend that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission fence be placed between the U. S. Corps of Engineers right-of-way and CLECO's right-of-way and that CLECO maintain the fence intact at all times and that no chemicals be used in maintaining their right-of-way and the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission will use the right-of-way for wildlife management and other purposes on this area.

With these stipulations, Mr. Chairman and Board, I recommend that we go ahead and grant the right-of-way agreement.

MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to so move and add that they be required to



mow this right-of-way at least twice a year.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the motion.
Do I have a second?

MR. WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Thompson,
seconded by Mr. Wille. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Make it mandatory or
at our request?

THE CHAIRMAN: At our request.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: O. K.

MR. THOMPSON: Point of clarification,
Joe. I think you are well aware of the fact that
since this area will be adjacent to the highway,
that it might not be advantageous to have this
mowed where in a deep woods it is to our advantage
that it always be mowed because it promotes and
propagates our live creatures in the forest, but
because of its close proximity to the highway it
just may be that it would be better to let it
grow up in tall grass which would give cover and
we might get a little better use. But this would
be determined by the Commission.



MR. BERRY: I am surprised you didn't recommend planting oats on it in the spring for the rabbits to eat and soybeans for the deer in the fall.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have called for the vote. Those opposed, no.

(No response)

Motion carried.

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

WHEREAS Central Louisiana Electric Company (CLECO) has requested a right-of-way along the east side of Highway 28, Saline Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS this right-of-way is for relocation of a power line, the present line will have to be moved due to construction of Catahoula Lake to Jonesville Flood Control Levee, and

WHEREAS the length of this right-of-way across Commission property



is 9,880 feet, or 599 rods, and

WHEREAS CLECO is requesting
a 25-foot right-of-way, and

WHEREAS the Louisiana Wild
Life and Fisheries Commission has
recommended that right-of-way fees
for this width be \$12 per rod, or
\$7,188 for the right-of-way, and

WHEREAS the Louisiana Wild
Life and Fisheries Commission fence
be placed between the U. S. Corps of
Engineers right-of-way (Levee Board)
and CLECO right-of-way, and

WHEREAS, CLECO maintain
this fence at all times while con-
structing, and

WHEREAS no chemicals be
used in maintaining right-of-way, and

WHEREAS the Louisiana Wild
Life and Fisheries Commission can use
right-of-way for wildlife management
or other purposes,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED



that this permit be granted to CLECO, provided the above stipulations are made.

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Chairman, before we proceed to the next item, Joe, if there is any way that you can do it, would you please expedite the issuance of this particular right-of-way agreement. I was talking this morning with an official of the Tensas Basin Levee District. They are extremely anxious to proceed with the levee construction and they are having some delays as a result of CLECO not putting up its district transmission line. We do need to move as quickly as possible.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, they can start now since the Commission has approved it, and we will give them their right-of-way permit that they have sent in to us, completed, and it will go out in the mail today, but since the Commission has approved it with these stipulations, they can move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Joe.

MR. HERRING: The next item we have is an extension of a permit of the Corps of Engineers



for some work on Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area. The Corps has requested that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission extend their permit issued August 30, 1973, for one year for the purpose of making surveys and borings for flood control purposes.

They were unable to complete their work that they started last year in this general area because of the floods that we had, and a new permit, when issued, would expire August 30, 1974.

Now this work that the Corps is doing is on the old river outflow channel at our Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area. I recommend that the permit be granted with the following stipulations: that no operations be conducted during the hunting season on this area; that no operations on roads or right-of-ways be conducted; and that the Corps pay for or repair all damages to roads or other structures on the area. These are the same stipulations we had in the agreement as of August 30, 1973.

MR. DUPUY: I so move.

MR. BERRY: Second.



THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation and it has been moved by Mr. Dupuy and seconded by Mr. Berry. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

The motion is carried.

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

WHEREAS, the U. S. Corps of Engineers has requested the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission extend their permit issued August 30, 1973 -- Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area -- for one year, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this permit is for making surveys and borings for flood control purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Corps was unable to complete the work as originally scheduled due to the floods, and



WHEREAS, no operations be conducted during the hunting seasons on this Area, and

WHEREAS, no operations on roads or road right-of-ways (30 feet each side), and

WHEREAS, the Corps pay for or repair all damages to roads or other structures,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this permit be extended for one year, expiring August 30, 1975, provided that the above stipulations are carried out.

MR. HERRING: The next item also pertains to the Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area and is also a request from the Corps of Engineers. The other one was for the old river control outflow channel area. This one is on the Red River side of the Wildlife Management Area.

The Corps has requested a permit through the Fifth Louisiana Levee District to enter our Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area. The



purpose of this is to make surveys and explorations in planning Red River bank protection stabilization.

I would recommend that we issue them the ingress and egress permit with the following stipulations: that the Corps or Levee Board contact the Ferriday District Office prior to their starting to work on this area; that no operations be conducted on the area during the hunting season; that the Corps pay for or repair all damages to roads or other structures on the area. This is on the Red River side where they will be working.

I recommend that we go ahead and issue the permit for this, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. DUPUY: I so move.

MR. THOMPSON: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Dupuy, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed, no.



(No response)

Motion carried.

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

WHEREAS, the U. S. Corps of Engineers has requested through the Fifth Louisiana Levee District for a permit to enter our Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this request is to make surveys and explorations in planning Red River Bank Protection, and

WHEREAS, the Corps or Levee Board contact personnel of our Ferriday District IV office prior to work, and

WHEREAS, no operations be conducted on the Area during hunting seasons, and

WHEREAS, the Corps pay for or repair all damages to roads or other structures on the area caused



by their activities,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
that this permit be granted provided
the above stipulations are carried out.

THE CHAIRMAN: No. 13, Joe.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, the next
item we have is just a recommendation of National
Hunting and Fishing Day in our state for 1974.

For the past three years National Hunt-
ing and Fishing Day has been observed on the
fourth Saturday of September, and the reason for
selecting this time of the year, it is kind of a
transition period between what they have in most
states as a fishing season and a hunting season,
you might say, and this is the time that the
National Shooting Sport Foundation and Sport
Fisheries Institute and other people did get
together and decide that this date could be
observed without interfering maybe with too many
hunters or fishermen, but we still have some
seasons during this time.

The purpose of this day is to more or
less recognize the outstanding contribution that



hunters in the different states and fishermen have made to conservation and recreation and also the economy of our state.

It is felt like these hunters and fishermen should deserve some special recognition for their work. Since the turn of the century hunters and anglers have been the leaders in all of our major conservation programs. These sportsmen or conservationists are responsible for the founding of the state fish and game departments in all of the fifty states in our nation. They themselves have asked that a license be put on them so that this money could be spent for the better use and better management of our wildlife resources in the different states.

Also, hunters and fishermen have requested themselves, through their legislatures, through their commissions and other types of wildlife departments that seasons and bag limits be put on their game species so that we would have a better annual harvest.

Through the programs that the sportsmen themselves have started, we find that we do have



more wildlife of some types now than we had fifty years ago, and I think this is commendable for the sportsmen. We hear so much against hunting but the sportsmen themselves are responsible for a lot of the better management even of the non-game species that benefit through the license programs that we do have in our state.

They also asked to be taxed on their hunting and fishing equipment. All the hunting equipment that we do buy has an 11 percent excise tax and fishing equipment has a 10 percent, so really hunters and fishermen do pay their way and they should get a lot of recognition throughout the country for doing a lot of activities for the non-hunters or other types of people. They more or less carry the conservation burden of the program in the United States here as well as in our own state.

I would just like to recommend to the Commission that we do go ahead and recognize September 28 as National Hunting and Fishing Day in our state.

MR. BERRY: I so move.



MR. WILLE: I second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Wille. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Motion carried.

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

WHEREAS, because of the outstanding contributions that America's hunters and fishermen have made to conservation, recreation and the economy, they are deserving of special recognition, and

WHEREAS, since the turn of the century, hunters and anglers have been the leaders in nearly all major conservation programs. These sportsmen-conservationists are responsible for the founding of state fish and game departments in all 50 states. They asked that they, themselves, be required to buy licenses and



that the money collected be used to support state conservation agencies. In the last 50 years alone, these sportsmen have provided \$2.5 billion for conservations programs, and

WHEREAS, hunters and fishermen asked for the establishment of regulated seasons and bag limits so that sportsmen could harvest the annual crop of game and fish without damage to the basic breeding population. The result has been that there are now more deer, elk, antelope and wild turkey in the United States than there were 50 years ago. Further, sportsmen's programs have benefited numerous species of non-game fish and wildlife through habitat development, and

WHEREAS, hunters and fishermen, unique in all America, asked that their fishing and hunting equipment be taxed and that the money be used for land



acquisition, research and habitat management for fish and wildlife for the enjoyment of all Americans, and

WHEREAS, through their publications and organizations, such as the National Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Izaak Walton League of America and many others, hunters and fishermen have led the nation in the battle for a better environment and the wise use of our natural resources,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission hereby proclaim September 28, 1974 as Louisiana Hunting and Fishing Day and that this day be an annual observance the fourth Saturday of each September. The Commission urges all of our citizens to join with the sportsmen-conservationists in a rededication to the wise use of our natural resources and their proper management for the benefit of future generations.



Further, the Commission urges all citizens to take part in National Hunting and Fishing Day activities on September 28 to learn more about conservation and outdoor skills.

THE CHAIRMAN: Now that completes our agenda but we have in the audience some people I would like to recognize. Mr. Snow from the Shrimpers Association is here.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: He walked out a few minutes ago, Mr. Clay, and he may be back.

THE CHAIRMAN: My good friend Mr. Buquet is here. Mr. Edgar Veillon is here.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Mr. Joe Colson with Gulf States Marine was over here. Do you know if he had any message from the Commission, Doc?

THE CHAIRMAN: I would like to invite you people if you have something to say. Mr. Buquet, Mr. Snow. Go ahead, Doc.

DR. ST. AMANT: Mr. Colson and the Wild Life Commission are actively working to develop whatever information we can to aid the shrimpers in gaining some help out of either the state or



the federal government. We are preparing that information now.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do any of you gentlemen have anything you would like to say? Please feel free.

Now, anyone on the Commission? Mr. Thompson.

MR. THOMPSON: I continue to be amazed at the quality, the excellent quality of the Louisiana Conservationist, a copy of which I have in front of me. We are nationally famous for our publication. Everyone that I talk to over the nation as I travel about has wonderful things to say about this publication. I thought that at one point we would get to a pinnacle and level off, but it seems that we continue to increase and go further and higher. I would like personally to give a commendation to our staff, Bob Dennie and his group that put this book together. I think it is just absolutely wonderful and I would just like for those boys to have some recognition on that. Like I say, I continue to be amazed at the quality of this book.



I would like to put that in the form of a motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: I think you should amend that, Jimmie -- those men and ladies. Could I amend that?

MR. THOMPSON: Well, I am a little bit oldfashioned. I don't think they have got to be liberated but if you want to put Pie and Miss Martin in there, go ahead! (Laughter)

THE CHAIRMAN: I definitely want to give them credit.

MR. BERRY: You just took the words out of my mouth. I was fixing to make a comment about the Conservationist magazine. I would also like to call to the attention of the press that this month we have a picture of all the enforcement personnel heads and a list of all the names and telephone numbers and what-have-you. I feel like if the press would pick this up and print this in the newspapers, a lot of citizens would have access to the names and phone numbers of the game wardens and I think it would help Mike do a better job in his department. I think he would get calls



from the citizens when people break the law and violate the law.

MR. THOMPSON: Mighty good. I would like to add one other thing, too. If I am going to have to talk about Mary and Pie, I might as well say something about old McFadden, who has been a staunch contributor to this magazine for a jillion and three years. Are you there, Old Mac? Where is Mac? Also, to Bill Winn. Of course, there are numerous other people that contribute. I notice that Butch has got an article in here. Everyone has articles, so without saying all of them, I am just going to say once again, Bob Dennie and his staff.

MR. BERRY: Mike, you did a fantastic job on this enforcement division section.

THE CHAIRMAN: Now I can go along with that motion about Bob Dennie and his staff, but I thought Jimmie said "the menfolks" and I knew that Bob Dennie had some excellent help from the ladyfolks, so the motion before the house is we give commendation to Bob Dennie and his staff for the excellent work done on the Conservationist.



Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

Now, if no one else has anything to bring before the Commission today -- what about you, Mr. Director?

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: For the information of the Commission members, about a year and a half ago, you authorized me to negotiate with the Highway Department, hopefully to receive the building located at the Whiskey Bay exit at I-10, halfway between Baton Rouge and Lafayette, for the use of the Commission. What we had in mind at the time was that it would be used as an outpost for enforcement.

Last week the Highway Department did turn over the key to the building to us. It is a building about 20 x 60. It represents about \$70,000 worth of work and materials and it is in real, real good shape. I thought for the information of the Commission that they should know that this building now belongs to us for our use, being



made available by the Louisiana Department of Highways and the Bureau of Roads.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Director. I would like to state this, that if there is anything else that is loose that is of value that the State of Louisiana has or the federal government has or anyone else, you are directed also to get ahold of it, too. (Laughter) Legally. Or otherwise. But get ahold of it for the Commission!

If there is no other business, no one else has anything else to say, I declare this meeting closed.

. . . . Thereupon, at 11:05 o'clock a.m., Tuesday, August 27, 1974, the regular monthly Board Meeting of the Commission was adjourned. . . .

Kathryn G. Chamberlin,
Reporter.

