

AGENDA
MEETINGS OF THE
LOUISIANA WILD LIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION
MARCH 22-23, 1965

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, on Monday and Tuesday, March 22 and 23, 1965.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs and the preparation of the Agenda for the Public meeting.

The public meeting was held on Tuesday, March 23, 1965, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, La.

Members present were:

- ✓ John Edwin Kyle Jr., Chairman
- ✓ H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman
- ✓ A. J. Duquet
- ✓ John Paul Crain
- ✓ Hobson Morris
- ✓ Jimmie Thompson
- ✓ H. Clay Wright

Absent:

None

The meeting was called to order and the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the previous meetings.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Wright, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the regular meetings, held on February 22 and 23, 1965, was dispensed with and the minutes were approved as submitted to the Commission members.

Mr. Hobson Norris of West Monroe presented his credentials as Member of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, replacing Mr. Ray Whatley whose term expired. Oath of office was given Mr. Norris by Mr. Frank Klein, Attorney for the Commission. Mr. Kyle congratulated and welcomed Mr. Norris to the Board and stated that Mr. Norris has been active in conservation organizations and sportsmen's groups for many years.

Mr. Norris thanked the Board Members for their good wishes and stated he would do his best to do a good job.

Mr. Kyle stated the next order of business was the election of officers, and stated the floor was open for nominations for Chairman.

Mr. Thompson stated - "I move that Mr. John Edwin Kyle Jr. be nominated as Chairman of the Commission."

Mr. Wright seconded the motion.

Mr. Fairchild moved that the nominations be closed.

Mr. Suquet seconded the motion.

Therefore, Mr. John Edwin Kyle Jr. was named Chairman of the Commission.

Chairman Kyle then stated the floor was open for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Thompson stated - "I move that Mr. H. B. Fairchild be nominated as Vice-Chairman of the Commission."

Mr. Suquet seconded the motion.

Mr. Wright moved that the nominations be closed.

Mr. Crain seconded the motion.

Therefore, Mr. H. B. Fairchild was named Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

Congratulations were offered to Mr. Kyle and Mr. Fairchild on their appointments by acclamation.

Mr. Herring was called to the floor relative to the next item on the Agenda.

Mr. Herring requested ratification of approval of the following contracts for Boat Launching Ramps, Fish and Game Division:

- a) Contract No. 5568 - Construction of boat ramp Bayou Barataria and Fort Pike, State Contractors of St. Helena Inc., Contractors.
- b) Contract No. 5569 - Construction of boat ramp - Lower Annoco Lake, Vernon Parish, State Contractors of St. Helena Inc., Contractors.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby formally ratify the approval of Contract No. 5568 for the construction of boat launching ramp on Bayou Barataria at Rosethorn Park, in Jefferson Parish, and a boat launching ramp and parking area at Fort Pike, in Orleans Parish, in the amount of \$27,123.25; and Contract No. 5569 for the construction of a boat launching ramp on Lower Amoco Lake, in Vernon Parish, State Contractors of St. Helena, Inc., Contractors, in the amount of \$11,336.50.

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

Mr. Yancey was called to the floor relative to request for amendment of Reciprocal Agreement between Mississippi and Louisiana.

Mr. Yancey stated that the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission has requested that we effect changes in the existing commercial fishing regulations on Eagle Lake and Albermarle Bend. He stated that both of these State-line lakes are located primarily in Mississippi on the East side of the River. Mississippi officials requested that this Commission issue an Executive Order to adjust our regulations to match theirs

in order that commercial fishing can be properly regulated. He stated that at present Mississippi commercial fishing regulations apply on their half of each of the two lakes and Louisiana commercial fishing regulations, which are different, apply on the Louisiana portions, thereby resulting in enforcement problems because of the difference in commercial fishing regulations. After discussing this matter with Louisiana Legislators and fishermen from that area, he stated that it is recommended that an Executive Order be prepared by the Commission's Attorney for the Eagle Lake Area, but that no action be taken on Albermarle Bend Area. This would mean that the Eagle Lake Area would be -

- (1) Closed to the use of seines and trammel nets from February 1 to August 31 of each year.
- (2) That commercial fishing with and without the use of gill nets, hoop nets and trot lines will be permissible in the waters of the lake at all times, providing that net sizes for trammel and gill nets shall be a minimum of 3" square mesh, and that hoop nets and seines shall be a minimum of 3" square mesh.
- (3) Trot lines would not be more than 1,000 feet in length with not more than one hook per 3' section.
- (4) That waters of the lake would be closed to all fishing 1/2 hour after sundown to 1/2 hour before sunrise.

- (5) That the taking of buffalo fish less than 16", catfish less than 14" and spoon bill catfish less than 32" would be prohibited.

Mr. Yancey stated that he did not feel any changes should be made in fishing regulations on Albermarle Lake at this time since this area is very heavily utilized by our Louisiana commercial fishermen; however, on the other hand, Eagle Lake is primarily a resort area and in the interest of maintaining harmonious relationship with the State of Mississippi, he would recommend that we change our commercial fishing regulations to coincide with theirs and requested that the Board authorize Mr. Frank Klein, attorney, to draw up an Executive Order, and that the Director be authorized to sign the Order which would apply only to Eagle Lake.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Executive Order be issued to change our commercial fishing regulations on Eagle Lake to coincide with the commercial fishing regulations of the State of Mississippi, as per their request, as follows:

- (1) Closed to the use of seines and trammel nets from February 1 to August 31 of each year.
- (2) That commercial fishing with and without the use of gill nets, hoop nets and trot lines will be per-

missible in the waters of the lake at all times, providing that net sizes for trammel and gill nets shall be a minimum of 3" square mesh, and that hoop nets and seines shall be a minimum of 3" square mesh.

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- (5) That the taking of buffalo fish less than 16", catfish less than 14" and spoon bill catfish less than 32" would be prohibited.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no action be taken on the request to change regulations on Albermarle Bend.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be authorized to sign the Executive Order applying only to Eagle Lake.

Dr. St. Amant was called to the floor relative to application for permit to dredge sand and gravel in Ouachita River, Catahoula Parish.

Dr. St. Amant read the following application from Sicily Island Gravel Co. Inc., Sicily Island, La., dated March 1, 1965:

"This is to apply for permit to dredge sand and gravel from the bed of the Ouachita River, in Catahoula Parish, Louisiana.

"We propose to lease equipment to test the amount of material that is available and if it is found in paying quantities we will have our own equipment as per attachment.

"If at all possible we would like to apply for an exclusive permit in the area we have marked on attached map.

"It would be greatly appreciated if this application could be considered in your March Meeting.

Very truly yours,

(S) A. B. Chisum
A. B. Chisum, Vice-President
Sicily Island Gravel Co. Inc.
Sicily Island, La."

"Attachment to accompany application for permit to dredge sand and gravel from bed of Ouachita River in Catahoula Parish, Louisiana.

The Sicily Island Gravel Co. Inc. is a stock Company. Stock is owned by E. Asa Kiper, Wisner, La., A.B.Chisum, Sicily Island, La. and W.J.Feltus, Natchez, Miss. Attaching financial statement.

Address of principal office is P.O. box 267, Sicily Island, La.

Location of the proposed dredging site designated in red pencil on attached map.

Location of principal unloading sites - Stafford Point, Harrisonburg, La. and Jonesville, La.

One dredge, diesel powered. Approximately 100 cu.yd. per hour capacity. Good condition.

Type of transportation to be used from dredge to stockpile - three barges and one tug boat.

Estimate 50,000 to 100,000 cu.yds. of materials dredged annually.

All dredging will be done by Sicily Island Gravel Co. Inc."

Dr. St. Amant stated that the application from Sicily Island Gravel Company Inc. requested the Commission to grant them an exclusive lease, or a permit if a lease is not feasible, to dredge for sand and gravel in the Ouachita River starting north of Harrisonburg and extending to a point in the vicinity of Stafford Point. He stated that this application meets all requirements set forth by this Commission, and it should have no effect on wildlife or fisheries, provided the operation meets all requirements concerning pollution, and he recommended that the Commission grant either a permit or an exclusive lease if they so desire. He pointed out, however, that it has been the policy, in the past, to grant only a permit for such operations.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request for PERMIT by the Sicily Island Gravel Company Inc., be granted, to dredge for sand and gravel, in the Ouachita River, starting north of Harrisonburg and extending to a point in the vicinity of Stafford Point, provided the operation meets all requirements concerning pollution.

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

Mr. Yancey was called to the floor relative to the next item on the Agenda.

Mr. Yancey stated he would like to recommend that the Commission authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$5,000.00 to finance a two-year graduate study at Louisiana State University, on the management of three-cornered grasses, both *Scirpus olneyi* and *Scirpus robustus*. He stated that these two plants are favorite foods of the muskrat and blue geese in our coastal marshes and information on how to produce these species is badly needed. He stated that in recent years these two key wildlife plants have disappeared from many sections of our coastal areas and that management techniques for restoring these plants would prove very useful on our coastal marsh refuges.

Mr. Yancey stated the proposed research study would be conducted by graduate students working in the Louisiana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at L.S.U. and if this recommendation is favorably considered by the Commission, this expenditure will be earmarked specifically for a study of these two plants.

Mr. Duquet stated he would like to move that this \$5,000.00 grant be approved because our marshes have been neglected and we do not have all the information we need for the betterment of the marshes.

On motion of Mr. Suquet, seconded by Mr. Crain, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that an expenditure of \$5,000.00 be granted to finance a two-year graduate study by the Louisiana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, at Louisiana State University, on the management of three-cornered grasses, both *Scirpus olneyi* and *Scirpus robustus*, since in recent years these plants have disappeared from many sections of our coastal areas and management techniques for restoring these plants would prove very useful on our coastal marsh refuges as these plants are the favorite foods of the muskrat and blue geese, and information on how to produce these species is badly needed.

Mr. Herring was called to the floor relative to right-of-way deed requested by the Louisiana Highway Department.

Mr. Herring stated that a request has been made by the State Highway Department for right-of-way easements through our Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, in Ouachita Parish portion. He stated that this will be part of Interstate 20 project; that personnel of the Fish and Game Division in Monroe checked this request and found it to be in line; and he recommended that the right-of-way easement be approved.

Mr. Herring stated that with the completion of this portion of the project, access will be provided to the

southern part of the Management Area, and will provide better access than we have now.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That J. D. Hair Jr., be and he is hereby authorized and empowered for and on behalf of this Commission to grant to the Department of Highways of the State of Louisiana certain rights of way on, over and across property owned by this Commission, to-wit:

Those certain tracts or parcels of land situated in the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, and in Section 8, Township 17 North, Range 5 East, identified as Parcel No. 14-1, and in Sections 2 and 3 of Township 17 North, Range 5 East, identified as Parcel No. 17-1, and a servitude of drainage in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township 17 North, Range 5 East, identified as Parcel No. 17-1D-1 all on the property survey for State Project No. 451-06-03, Millhaven-Start Section of Monroe-Rayville Interstate Highway, F.A.P. NO. I-20-3(7) 118, and all as more fully set forth and described in a right-of-way Deed which is hereto attached and made part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said person be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all instruments in writing and to perform all acts and do all things necessary or convenient to effect such grant.

Mr. Yancey was called to the floor relative to lease on Georgia-Pacific Game Management Area.

Mr. Yancey stated that last October, this Commission leased 40,000 acres of land from the Georgia-Pacific Corp.

for the purpose of establishing a Wildlife Management Area. Since that lease was put into effect, Georgia-Pacific sold 19,130 acres of land to Mr. John Barton of Baton Rouge and notified us that these lands would be deleted from their lease. However, Mr. Barton has consented to leave the tract in the Game Management Area, at no cost to the Commission, and he recommended that the Director be authorized to sign a lease with Mr. John Barton for the 19,130 acre tract that he purchased from Georgia-Pacific Corp, in order that the Game Management Area can be maintained intact.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Director be authorized and empowered to sign lease with Mr. John Barton for 19,130 acres of land, in Morehouse Parish, which was purchased by him from the Georgia-Pacific Corp., representing the portion of land deleted from the Georgia-Pacific Corp. lease, which now will be continued as part of the Game Management Area, at no cost to the Commission.

Mr. Herring was called relative to Fence on Saline Wildlife Management Area.

Mr. Herring stated - "Mr. A. H. Garner, Manager, Morrison
Crain
Quirk Corporation, Louisiana Delta Plantation, has requested permission to run a fence across our land on Saline Wildlife

Management Area for the purpose of excluding hogs and cows. The Louisiana Delta Plantation will furnish materials and labor for this fence. They are fencing their property around sections 3 and 4 (North-South and East-West on 4) and wish to run the fence through our property between Sections 5 and 8. This will assist in keeping hogs and cows off our Sections 7, 8, 17 and 18, Range 5 East, Township 4 North. "

He stated - " We will not be held responsible for construction or maintenance of the fence. Morrison Quirk Grain Corporation would not be claiming any property rights or management rights on the land except to exclude free ranging cattle and hogs. Openings and cattle guards will be placed where Commission personnel so designate. Maximum width not to exceed 40 feet. Access across Morrison Quirk Corporation land will be provided. The fence will become property of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission when put up. The Commission will reserve the rights to move or take down this fence should it interfere with Commission activities on the property.

Mr. Herring continued - "This has been checked by our District Supervisor (Ferriday) and has received his recommendations. The project was discussed with our Attorney and he states there will be no problem. The agreement will be of right-of-way basis. Agreement will be drawn by

Attorney with Commission approval of project. I recommend to the Commission that we permit the Morrison Quirk Grain Corporation to run approximately one mile of fence on the Saline Wildlife Management Area between Sections 5 and 8, Range 5 East, Township 4 North."

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

BE IT RESOLVED that request of Mr. A.H. Garner, Manager, Morrison Quirk Grain Corporation, Louisiana Delta Plantation, for permission to run a fence across our land on Saline Wildlife Management Area between Sections 5 and 8, Range 5 East, Township 4 North, for the purpose of excluding hogs and cows, be approved, provided this will not obligate the Commission in any way. Fence to become the property of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission immediately upon completion of construction. Morrison Quirk Grain Corp. to give access to Commission employees across their adjoining land and to provide access through the fence that will be constructed on Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission property. Fence to be approximately one mile long.

Mr. Klein was called to the floor relative to policy of the Commission regarding Agents.

Mr. Klein stated that as a result of the school held at L.S.U., Baton Rouge, for our agents and employees, the

question arose as to whether the agents would be defended for actions performed while on duty and whether it would be at the Commission's expense, and he thought a resolution should be adopted to clear this question.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission will defend the actions performed, while engaged in their official duties, of all agents and employees of this Commission, in any Court, whether Civil or Criminal, at the expense of the Commission.

Mr. Knewinger was called to the floor relative to request of Mobil Oil Company to conduct a gravimetric survey in conjunction with geophysical permit on Marsh Island.

Mr. Knewinger stated that Mobil Oil Company requested permission to run concurrently both a seismic and a gravimetric survey on that part of Marsh Island covered under their Geophysical Permit No. 9922. He stated that under the terms of their permit, only one crew is permitted to operate in a given period except with specific approval of the State Mineral Board, the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and the Russell Sage Foundation, and would involve only two additional people and one helicopter. The gravimetric survey

would be of short duration, approximately one week, during the time they would be doing other geophysical work, and he stated he could see no reason why this permission should not be granted, provided the State Mineral Board and the Russell Sage Foundation did not object.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that request of Mobil Oil Company for permission to run concurrently both a seismic and gravimeter survey on that part of Marsh Island covered under Geophysical Permit No. 9922, be granted, provided the State Mineral Board and the Russell Sage Foundation had no objections.

Mr. Ensminger was also called relative to right-of-way request of Brown and Root Inc. over Rockefeller Refuge.

Mr. Ensminger stated that Superior Oil Company, some few weeks ago, was granted a permit to install a pipeline on Rockefeller Refuge, and Brown and Root, Inc., were selected by Superior Oil Company as contractors for this construction. Brown and Root Inc. is now requesting a slight change in the right-of-way alignment at the point where the line crosses the Union Producing Canal. It is felt that the proposed change would be beneficial to the best interest of the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, inasmuch as they would not need to make the two large barge cuts on

the Union Producing Company Canal. The new alignment would cross the canal on a straight angle rather than on a 90 degree angle, and that the right-of-way change had been approved by Superior Oil Company. Mr. Ensminger recommended that this slight change be approved.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Crain, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that request of Brown and Root Inc. for change in the right-of-way alignment for Superior Oil Company's pipeline on Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, in Cameron Parish, as shown on plat accompanying request, be approved.

Mr. Herring was called to the floor relative to the next item on the Agenda.

Mr. Herring stated that the Opelousas District VI office headquarters building had been completed by the Central Louisiana Construction Company, Hesser, Louisiana. The building was inspected and found to be in line for payment according to the contract, and he recommended acceptance of the work.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the work done by Central Louisiana Construction Company, Hesser, Louisiana, for the construction of District VI headquarters building, Opelousas, La., has been completed in accordance with the contract and

same is hereby accepted.

Chief Book was called to the floor relative to recommendations for use of rifles and bait in hunting turkeys.

Chief Book stated he wished to make the following recommendations for the coming turkey season, which opens April 3 and extends through April 18, 1965:

- (1) Still hunting only and prohibit the use of dogs.
- (2) Prohibit the use of rifles.
- (3) Prohibit the use of baiting.

He stated these recommendations were made for all areas open for turkey hunting, including game management areas, or any portion thereof which will be open to hunting during the legal turkey season.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the following regulations for the hunting of turkey for the coming season, which opens April 3, and extends through April 18, 1965, be approved:

- (1) Still hunting only. Prohibit the use of dogs.
- (2) Prohibit the use of rifles.
- (3) Prohibit the use of baiting.

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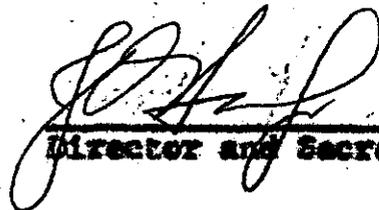
Mr. Fairchild called upon Dr. St. Anant relative to re-defining the red line area in St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes, concerning oyster leases.

Dr. St. Anant stated that we have a seed oyster area on the East side of the Mississippi River, set aside by official Commission action in 1962. At that time, the Commission directed Mr. James W. McConnell to set aside this area and to give a full description of the area, which was certified on August 28, 1962. At the time that this seed oyster reservation, - the so-called Red Line Area - was set aside, there were some 25 old leases in existence inside the area. In the certification, there is a clause that no new leases will be granted, but that the old existing leases could be renewed. In order to renew these leases, it would be necessary to make certain adjustments in the red line area, and he requested a resolution of the Commission to this effect.

On motion of Mr. Crain, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that Dr. Lyle S. St. Anant, Chief, Oysters, Water Bottoms and Seafoods Division, be and he is hereby directed to re-define the RED LINE AREA, in St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes, in order to accommodate for certain oyster leases in existence prior to its establishment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Crain, the meeting adjourned.



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