

AGENDA
LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
MEETING OF APRIL 28, 1964

1. Minutes meeting March 23-24, 1964 (2)
- ✓ 2. Consider bids on "Boat Swan". (2)
- ✓ 3. Set date for public hearing on hunting seasons. (3)
4. Union Producing Company plans for work on Humble Canal Rockefeller Refuge. (3)
- ✓ 5. Saline Wildlife Area:
 - ✓ a) Request for permit to remove dirt fill material; (5)
 - ✓ b) Removal of camps from area. (6)
- ✓ 6. Permit applications:
 - ✓ a) Jahncke Service Co. (7)
 - ✓ b) Louisiana Materials Inc. (8)
 - ✓ c) Louisiana Materials Inc. (10)
- ✓ 7. Consider renewal of lease of third and fourth floors of Main Office Building to Federal Services Administration. (13)
- ✓ 8. Acceptance Contract No. 77774 - Marine Laboratory Building. (14)
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- ✓ 9. Setting of shrimp season (15)
10. Other business.
 - Sabine National Wildlife Refuge controlled harvest of alligators (15)

PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS
OF THE
LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

APRIL 27 and 28, 1964.

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Monday and Tuesday, April 27 and 28, 1964.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs, the preparation of the Agenda for the Public Meeting, report on personnel matters and general department reports by the Director.

The public meeting was held on Tuesday, April 28, 1964, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, La.

Members present were:

A. J. Buquet, Chairman
L. R. Fleming, Vice-Chairman
John Paul Crain
Huntley B. Fairchild
James J. Frey
John Edwin Kyle Jr.
Ray Whitley

Absent:

None

Chairman Duquet called the meeting to order and stated the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the previous meetings.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, seconded by Mr. Whatley and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the regular meetings, held on March 23 and 24, 1964, were dispensed with and the minutes were approved as submitted to the Commission Members.

Chairman Duquet called upon Director Young relative to the first item on the Agenda.

Director Young stated that eight (8) bids were received by the Division of Administration for the boat SWAN; that the new boat has been received to replace this boat; that the bids received ranged from \$7,511.00, the highest bid, from J. A. Dubus of Crowley, to \$700.00, the lowest bid; that these eight bids are submitted to the Board for consideration.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that bids received by the Division of Administration for the sale of the boat SWAN be rejected, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a survey be made to determine whether or not it would be practical to expend the funds necessary to make the boat usable in another Division, reimbursing Rockefeller Fund for fair value of the boat.

Director Young was called upon relative to setting dates for the public hearings on hunting seasons.

Director Young stated that the Public Hearings last year were held on the fourth Friday and Saturday of June and the seasons were then set at the July meetings. He stated that he would recommend Friday and Saturday, June 26 and 27, 1964 for the Public Hearings, to be held in Alexandria, at the Holiday Inn, where arrangements can be made for handling several hundreds of persons. He stated that Friday and Saturday were selected because so many people could not attend during week days.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the dates for the Public Hearings on Hunting Seasons be set for Friday and Saturday, June 26 and 27, 1964, at the Holiday Inn, Alexandria, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the regular Board Meeting will be held at 10 A.M. on Friday, June 26, 1964, at the Holiday Inn, to be followed by the Public Hearings on Friday and on Saturday, June 26 and 27, 1964.

Mr. Allen Ensminger was called to the floor relative to Union Producing Company plans for work on Humble Canal on Rockefeller Refuge.

Mr. Ensminger stated that the Union Producing Company has a very active field on Rockefeller Refuge and they have used the old Humble Canal system to service this field. This Canal was

built in early 1940 and discontinued in early 1950. They moved into the field and developed several wells. Since that time, erosion has occurred on the canal banks. The canal was originally dug 65 ft. in width and it is now 125 ft. in width. Erosion has occurred to the base of the levees which protect three of our important waterfowl areas. The situation has become very critical and the Department of Public Works was requested to come up with some kind of erosion control, but their proposals were very expensive, costing almost one million dollars, for a section of about three miles long.

Mr. Ensminger stated an alternate proposal was submitted to build another levee system, behind our present levees, which would be most practical, and Union Producing Company was contacted requesting that they share in the expenses of these levees. They agreed to build one levee down 200 ft behind our present levee system which would be adequate protection to the impoundment east of the Humble Canal, while the Commission would repair the west levee. The Department of Public Works will prepare plans, and they will supervise the work, with the Union Producing Company paying the cost of this levee. He recommended that the Commission approve this work.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that new protection levees be constructed on each side of the Humble Canal to protect three of our important waterfowl impoundments which are endangered due to extreme erosion resulting from boat use in the canal by the Union Producing Company.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Union Producing Company pay for the building of one levee, 200 feet behind our present levee system on the east side of Humble Canal, and that the Commission will repair the west levee, all to be done under plans, specifications and supervision of the Department of Public Works.

Director Young was called upon relative to request for permit to remove dirt fill material from Saline Wildlife Area and the removal of camps from the area.

Director Young stated that E. A. Caldwell, Contractor, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, requested permission to obtain fill material from Saline Wildlife Management Area for the construction of a highway. This location for the possible borrow area is approximately one quarter mile north of the road and adjacent to the old railroad fill, and is generally designated as the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, Township 5 N., Range 3 E. Director Young suggested that this be referred to the Fish and Game Division for favorable or adverse action, to determine what effect it would have on the area; to work out details with the contractor; and to make a report and suggestions of plans or

procedure at the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Fleming, and unanimously adopted, the application for permit to dredge for fill material from Saline Wildlife Management Area was referred to the Fish and Game Division for favorable or adverse recommendations and that a report be submitted at the next meeting for Board action.

Director Young stated that there were numerous camps located on the Saline Wildlife Management Area and that some policy should be established as to removal of these camps from the area. He suggested that these camp owners be given a reasonable length of time to move from the area.

Mr. Whatley stated there are quite a number of camps in that area. People call and write to inquire about the camps and that these people should be notified of some policy of the Commission. They should be informed that they will have one year from June 1, 1964, to remove all camps from the area.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that camp owners in the Saline Wildlife Management Area be notified by the Fish and Game Division that all camps must be removed from the premises by June 1, 1965.

Dr. St. Asant was called to the floor relative to applications for permits;

Dr. St. Amant read the following application from Jahncke Service Inc., dated April 13, 1964:

"Application is hereby made to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to remove FILL SAND from the bottom of Middle-Middle River and East-Middle River, as indicated in red on attached print, for the period April 28, 1964 through April 27, 1969.

"This application is made subject to the provisions and requests of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission as set forth in your letter dated May 14, 1963. The applicant further agrees to comply with all rules and regulations enacted by the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission pertaining to the removal from water bottoms of the State as stipulated in our letter to the Commission of May 31, 1963, which you have on file.

"Attached is a sketch which indicates in red pencil the area of Middle-Middle River and East-Middle River that we wish to dredge the fill sand in question. We already have permission from the property owners to dredge on their property.

"Also inclosed is photocopy of our letter of 8 April 1964 to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile,

"Trusting the Commission will act favorably upon this request, we are

Very truly yours,

JAHNCKE SERVICE INC.

(Signed) Fritz Jahncke

Paul F. Jahncke, III, Mgr.
Sand-Gravel-Shell Dept."

Dr. St. Amant stated that Jahncke Service Inc. submitted an application for a permit to dredge for fill sand in Middle-Middle River and East-Middle River of the Pearl River system. This area is very near an existing permit now held by them in East Pearl River and appears to be an extension of their opera-

tions in this general location.

He stated - "The application is entirely in order and meets all of the specifications set forth by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. There is no evidence that such dredging would be detrimental to fish or wildlife provided that any permit issued contains those clauses necessary to control pollution. I, therefore, recommend that this permit be granted."

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

BE IT RESOLVED that application from Jahncke Service Inc. for a permit to dredge for fill sand in Middle-Middle River and East-Middle River of the Pearl River system be granted, provided that the permit issued contain those clauses necessary to control pollution.

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

Dr. St. Amant read the following letter from Louisiana Materials Co. Inc., dated April 8, 1964:

"Louisiana Materials Co. Inc., would like to apply for a permit to dredge sand and/or fill material within the areas described below and outlined on the attached Mississippi River Chart.

Mile Post 75 to Mile Post 89,
Mile Post 105 to Mile Post 120, and from
Mile Post 123 to 126.

"Referring to your letter of May 14, 1963, we are please^d to submit the below information by item numbers.

1. Previously submitted
2. Shown on attached chart
3. Previously submitted
4. Within the areas described on chart
5. Hydraulic on clam shell dredge
6. Maximum of 4 tugs and 12 barges
7. Underdetermined at present
8. Will not contract out our dredging.

Thanking you for your acceptance of the above requested permit, we remain,

Yours very truly,

LOUISIANA MATERIALS CO. INC.

(Signed) Richard E. Murphy

Richard E. Murphy, President."

Dr. St. Amant stated that Louisiana Materials Company Inc. submitted an application for a permit to dredge sand/and/or fill material from the Mississippi River within the areas described as follows:

Mile Post 75 to Mile Post 89,

Mile Post 105 to Mile Post 120,

Mile Post 123 to Mile Post 126;

that these areas are in the vicinity of New Orleans and Kenner and are generally being dredged now by other permit holders.

He stated - "We find the application to be entirely in order and to meet with all requests set forth by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, and, therefore, recommend that this permit be granted."

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

BE IT RESOLVED that application of Louisiana Materials Inc. for a permit to dredge sand and/or fill material from the Mississippi River, with the areas described as follows:

Mile Post 75 to Mile Post 89

Mile Post 105 to Mile Post 120

Mile Post 123 to Mile Post 126

be granted, and that the Director be authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant read the following application from Louisiana Materials Co. Inc., dated April 3, 1964:

"Louisiana Materials Co. Inc. would like to apply for a permit to dredge sand, gravel and/or fill material within the areas described below and outlined on the attached chart.

Area 600 ft. wide from shore in Lake Pontchartrain running southerly from Ft. Aux Herbes, approximately 4-1/2 miles.

Area in Rigolets east of the Hwy 90 bridge to L&N RR bridge, then the area in west Pearl River from its mouth to Turkey Lake approximately 4 miles north of Pearl River, La.

Area in west Middle River beginning just south of Hwy. 90 bridge to North Pass and including the east mouth of west Pearl River.

Area shown along the north shore of Little Lake between North Pass and Little Lake Pass.

Area in east Pearl River (Louisiana side) from its mouth northerly to the junction of Wastehouse Bayou and east Pearl River; also the area in east Middle River just south of their Hwy. 90 bridges to where it joins east Pearl River.

Referring to your letter of May 14, 1963, we are pleased to submit the below information by item numbers.

1. Previously submitted
2. Shows on attached chart.
3. Previously submitted
4. Within the areas described on chart
5. Hydraulic clam shell dredge
6. Maximum of 4 tugs and 12 barges
7. Undetermined at present
8. Will not contract out our dredging.

Thanking you for your acceptance of the above requested permit, we remain,

Yours very truly,

LOUISIANA MATERIALS CO. INC.

(Signed) Richard R. Murphy, President"

Dr. St. Asant stated that Louisiana Materials Co. submitted an application for a permit or permits to dredge for sand and gravel and/or fill material in several sites located in Lake Pontchartrain, the Rigolets and portions of the Pearl River system. He stated the application is entirely in order and meets all requirements and specifications set forth by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, and the areas requested to be dredged, are, in general, now being dredged by other permit holders.

He stated that it should be noted, however, that this application consists of a number of widely separated sites, and it was his recommendation that individual permits be granted for the sites or that closely related sites be consolidated in one permit. However, there was no objection to dredging in any of these areas provided that the operators comply with all of the require-

ments in regular permit form and he recommended that these permits be granted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the application of Louisiana Materials Co. Inc. for permits to dredge sand and gravel and/or fill material from the following locations be granted:

Area 600 ft. wide from shore in Lake Pontchartrain running southerly from Pt. Aux Herbes approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Area in Rigolets east of the Hwy. 90 bridge to L. & N. RR bridge, then the area in west Pearl River from its mouth to Turkey Lake, approximately 4 miles north of Pearl River, La.

Area in west Middle River beginning just south of Hwy. 90 bridge to North Pass and including the east mouth of West Pearl River.

Area shown along the north shore of Little Lake between North Pass and Little Lake Pass.

Area in east Pearl River (Louisiana side) from its mouth northerly to the junction of Warehouse Bayou and east Pearl River; also the area in east Middle River just south of their Hwy. 90 bridges to where it joins east Pearl River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that since the application consists of a number of widely separated sites that individual permits be granted for the sites or that closely related sites be consolidated in one permit.

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

Director Young was called upon relative to renewal of lease of third and fourth floors of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Building to the General Services Administration.

Director Young stated - "There is in the contract a renewal clause whereby General Services Administration may renew for a one year period at a rental of \$124,546.00 per annum through August 31, 1965, upon 60 days' notice. We have received a request from them asking that lease be renewed for another year and inquiring if we will agree to permit the Government to renew the lease at a reduced rental rate for the term September 1, 1964 through August 31, 1965. I would like to recommend to the Commission that we renew the lease at the same rental fee received for the past two years, and under the same terms and conditions."

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the renewal of lease to the General Services Administration for the third and fourth floors of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Building for a one year period, at a rental of \$124,546.00 per annum, from September 1, 1964, through August 31, 1965, be granted, under the same terms and conditions as original lease, and that the Director be authorized and empowered to do everything necessary in order to effectuate said renewal.

Dr. St. Amant was called to the floor relative to acceptance of Contract P.O. 77774.

Dr. St. Amant stated that the Division of Administration approved a contract for the replacement of four new G.E. Heat Pump Units for the Grand Terre Marine Laboratory; that the total cost was \$6,861.71 and partial payments were made in the amount of \$6,175.54; that we were withholding 10%.

Dr. St. Amant stated the work has been completed and functioning satisfactorily; the work was supervised by the Department of Public Works and they have recommended acceptance of this contract.

On motion of Mr. Whatley, seconded by Mr. Frey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. P.O. 77774, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Leon Naquin and Son, for the installation of four new G.E. Heat Pump Units, in the Grand Terre Marine Laboratory Building, and has recommended that same be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Leon Naquin and Son, Contractor, under Contract No. P.O. 77774, with said Commission, dated December 13, 1963, be and the same is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the mortgage records of the Parish of Jefferson, Louisiana.

Dr. St. Amant was called upon for a report on the shrimp season.

Dr. St. Amant's report was lengthy and very informative and involved research findings collected by biological staff at the Marine Laboratory for the past two years, and that from all growth rates and present trends of the shrimp population that the latest date possible, which is May 15, 1964, would be recommended as the opening date for the shrimp season. He substantiated this recommendation by showing a series of charts and explained in detail the findings of the biological staff.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Spring Shrimp Season, in inside Louisiana waters, open on May 15, 1964, and extend until July 15, 1964.

Mr. Young stated that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service was requesting that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission authorize them to conduct a controlled harvest of alligators from the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, in Cameron Parish. He pointed out that they are very anxious

to have Commission approval of this program as it is extremely important to a marsh management program on the refuge.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is hereby authorized to carry out a controlled harvest of alligators from the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, in Cameron Parish, during the spring and early summer months of 1964.

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

L. D. Young Jr., Director & Secretary