

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

SEPT. 21, 1965

1. Approval of minutes August 23-24, 1965 meetings. (2)
2. Ratifications of approval of following contracts:
 - ✓ a) No. 5639 -boat launching ramp on Pearl River near Angie C & W, Contractors. (2)
 - ✓ b) No. 5640- boat launching ramp on Calcasieu Ship Channel Pelican Construction Company, Contractor (2)
 - ✓ c) No. 5641- boat launching ramp on Pearl River at Bogalusa Blocker Brothers Const.Co., Contractors. (3)
 - ✓ d) No. 5649- boat launching ramp on Bogue Chitto River, Washington Parish, J.S.Thomas, Contractor (3)
3. Ratification of acceptances of following contracts:
 - ✓ a) No. 5614 - construction of boat ramp, J.T.Richardson, contractor (Cocodrie Lake, Concordia Parish) (3)
 - b) No. 5626 - construction of boat ramp, at Sandy Point on Clear Lake, Natchitoches Parish, Melvin Hall, Contractor. (4)
- ✓ 4. Russell Sage W.L.Management Area - Re: State Mineral Board Lease application. (5)
5. Applications for permits, Oysters, Water Bottoms & Seafood Division:
 - ✓ a) La. Land & Exploration Co. to dredge for bank stabilization, Little Lake Area, Jefferson Parish. (9)
 - ✓ b) Jahncke Service Inc., to dredge for sand and gravel in West Pearl River and Holmes Bayou, St.Tammany Parish. (10)
- ✓ 6. Coulee Wildlife Refuge - Renewal of Lease. (12)
- ✓ 7. Change Boat Registration Application. (13)
- ✓ 8. ~~Storm~~ ^{Hurricane} Resolution - Re: Employees of Commission (16)
- ✓ 9. T. L. James - Roadways on Russell Sage G.M.A. (14)
- ✓ 10. Ratcliff Assignment. (19)
- ✓ 11. Other business
Request of Sen.Fontenot to change Districts (20)

PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS
OF THE
LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 20 and 21, 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, September 20 and 21, 1965.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs on Department matters and the preparation of the Agenda for the Tuesday meeting.

The Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 21, 1965, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, La.

Members present at both meetings were:

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

Absent:

None

Chairman Kyle called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and stated the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the previous meetings.

On motion of Mr. Duquet, seconded by Mr. Thompson, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the regular meetings, held on August 23 and 24, 1965, was dispensed with and the minutes were approved as submitted to the Commission Members.

Mr. Kenneth Smith, Assistant Chief, Fish and Game Division, was called to the floor relative to the next item on the Agenda.

Mr. Smith requested ratification of approval of the following contracts to be constructed under the Accelerated Public Works Program and under the supervision of the Department of Public Works.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby formally ratify the approval of the following contracts:

No. 5639 - C & W Contractors, Contractor for construction of Boat Ramp on Pearl River, near the Town of Angie, Washington Parish, in the amount of \$14,970.00.

No. 5640 - Pelican Construction Company of Texas for

construction of boat ramp and wharf on the Calcasieu Ship Channel, in Cameron Parish, in the amount of \$21,740.30

No. 5641 - Blocker Brothers Construction Company, for construction of boat launching ramp and parking area on Pearl River, at Bogalusa, in Washington Parish, in the amount of \$14,730.00.

No. 5649 - J. S. Thomas, Contractor, for construction of a boat ramp, access road and parking area on the Bogue Chitto River, in Washington Parish, in the amount of \$13,051.57.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Director in signing the above contracts is hereby ratified and approved.

Mr. Smith also requested ratification of acceptances of the following contracts:

No. 5614 - Construction of boat ramp on Cocodrie Lake, Concordia Parish, J.T. Richardson, Contractor.

No. 5626 - Construction of boat ramp, at Sandy Point on Clear Lake, Natchitoches Parish, Melvin Hall, Contractor.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Thompson, 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. 5614, between J. T. Richardson and the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, for the

construction of a boat launching ramp and parking area on Cocodrie Lake, in Concordia Parish, 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 J. T. Richardson, Contractor, under Contract No. 5614, with said Commission, dated June 18, 1965, be and the same is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Director, under date of September 1, 1965, wherein he filed notice of acceptance with the Clerk of Court of Concordia Parish, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Thompson, 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. 5626, between Melvin Hall and the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, for the construction of a boat launching ramp and parking area at Sandy Point, on Clear Lake, in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, 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 Melvin Hall, Contractor, under Contract No. 3626, with said Commission, dated July 19, 1965, be and the same is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Director, under date of September 1, 1965, wherein he filed notice of acceptance with the Clerk of Court of Concordia Parish, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

Mr. Smith was called to the floor relative to application for a mineral lease on Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

Mr. Smith stated that we had been advised by the State Mineral Board that they had received an application for a lease on approximately 300 acres of land in the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area. He stated that in order that the wildlife interests could be protected in the event that this tract should be leased and developed, it is necessary that rules and regulations be adopted by the Commission and the Mineral Board and made part of any lease that may be issued on the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

Mr. Smith stated that these regulations were patterned on the Russell Sage-Marsh Island leases and are subject to review by the Director, and if satisfactory we can put them into effect.

Following review, on motion of Mr. Crain, seconded by Mr.

Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following rules and regulations are hereby adopted and approved by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for inclusion in any lease that may be issued by the State Mineral Board on lands within the boundaries of the Russell-Sage Wild Life Management Area, near Monroe:

GENERAL REGULATIONS COVERING BOTH GEOPHYSICAL
EXPLORATION AND DRILLING AND PRODUCING OPERATIONS
ON WILD LIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

1. Individual application must be submitted to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for approval for the lessee to dredge canals, build roads, or do any other type of surface construction or surface development work. A minimum of 15 days must be allowed for the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to consider the application and reply thereto.
2. No fire arms of any kind are permitted on the area.
3. No hunting of any kind is permitted on this property by anyone except by permission of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.
4. Trapping, permitted only by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.
5. No intoxicating liquors of any kind are allowed on this property.
6. No gambling of any kind is permitted on this property.
7. Speed boat racing is prohibited.
8. No unauthorized trespassing of any kind is permitted.
9. All operations shall be so conducted as to avoid pollution and the escape of soil on the property.
10. Is imperative that all commission officials and employees should cooperate in every way possible with the employees

of the oil companies in order that complete harmony may be maintained.

11. It is the desire of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that representatives of the various oil companies show every courtesy possible to the employees of the commission.

RUSSELL SAGE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR DRILLING AND
PRODUCTION OPERATIONS UNDER LEASES

1. Entry into the area for drilling and production operations shall, as far as practicable, be by road. A minimum amount of lines and all permanent superstructure shall be used and tank batteries shall be so located and maintained as to avoid pollution of streams and other portions of the leased premises and none of the above construction work shall be done without first submitting plans for the construction of roads, pipelines, tank batteries, salt water disposal systems and other permanent installations to the State Mineral Board and the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, for approval, rejection or modification, and all construction plans will be presented to the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and other approving parties for study for a minimum of fifteen (15) days prior to approval date. Special precautions in developing access to drilling sites in areas already intensively improved for wild life may be required as mutually agreed upon by the mineral lessee and the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. No such construction will be approved that is likely to permit water pollution.
2. Levees and fire guards shall be so constructed around tank batteries, separators, and boilers as to decrease fire hazards and to prevent water pollution, and wherever practical, such levees and fire guards shall be bonded to the base after the removal of the vegetation and by means of a core trench.
3. To prevent pollution all salt water shall be reinjected into subsurface formations. In situations where it is not deemed practical to do this, the State Mineral Board shall be advised and its approval obtained of such other methods of disposal as shall prevent pollution.
4. Flares shall be burned only when necessary and all flares that are burned shall be flared in a burning pit. In situations where it is deemed necessary to burn flares,

the State Mineral Board shall be advised and its approval obtained.

5. All permanent structures placed on the leased premises shall be so constructed as to create minimum fire hazards and so as to result in avoidance of pollution of water bottoms and other portions of the leased premises and minimum disturbance or harm to the game and wild life inhabiting said area.
6. Lessees shall comply with all current rules and regulations of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for the protection of game and wildlife, and particularly, no hunting, fishing or any other activities harmful or destructive to game or wildlife shall be permitted on the leased premises or any other part of said game preserve.
7. All drilling and producing operations shall be conducted under the strict supervision of the State Mineral Board and the Department of Conservation and shall be subject to the prevailing laws, rules and regulations of the Department of Conservation.
8. No construction or drilling operations may be conducted on the area during the waterfowl (duck) season.

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

Dr. St. Amant read the following application from Louisiana Land and Exploration Company, dated August 10, 1965, as follows:

"The Louisiana Land and Exploration Company, whose address is 1500 American Bank Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, requested permission to conduct dredging to reinforce the shore line of property owned by us in Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 23 East, and Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8, Township 18 South, Range 23 East, Little Lake area, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

"To show plan in detail of this proposed dredging, we are enclosing herewith three (3) prints of the plan and three (3) prints of the cross section outlined in red to show this proposed work.

"For your information, the Louisiana Land and Explora-

tion Company holds several permits in this area which authorize us to conduct this type of shore protection work.

"In applying for this permit, we reserve all of our rights in the above property, as well as any adjacent submerged areas.

Yours very truly

THE LOUISIANA LAND AND EXPLORATION COMPANY

Frank M. Ritchie, Senior Vice-President

By (Signed) C. E. Bridges
Chief Civil Engineer"

Dr. St. Amant stated that Louisiana Land and Exploration Company requested a permit to dredge for bank stabilization in Section 31, T. 17 S., R. 23 E., and Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8, T. 18 S., R. 23 E, Little Lake Area, Jefferson Parish, in order to stabilize the shoreline on lands owned by Louisiana Land and Exploration Company. Dr. St. Amant stated that he had examined the application and it meets with all requirements set forth by the Commission and determined that this operation will in no way affect wildlife and fisheries; however, in the event that the operation should occur in the vicinity of privately held oyster leases, he suggested that the company deal directly with the lessee.

Dr. St. Amant recommended that the permit be granted.

Mr. Duquet asked Dr. St. Amant which Little Lake the La. Land and Exploration Company wanted a permit as there were two Little Lakes. Dr. St. Amant told him it was the

Northern edge in Barataria and that this was an extension of some work they are now doing. Mr. Buquet stated, in that case, he would make the motion.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that request from Louisiana Land and Exploration Company for permit to dredge for bank stabilization in Section 31, T. 17 S., R. 23 E., and Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8, T. 18 S., R. 23 E., in the Little Lake Area, Jefferson Parish, be granted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the operation should occur in the vicinity of privately held oyster leases, that the company deal directly with the lessee.

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

Dr. St. Amant also read the following letter from Jahocks Service Inc., dated September 1, 1965:

"Application for a permit to remove sand and gravel from the bottoms of the West Pearl River from mile 25 to mile 29, and Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River to the East Pearl River, in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, for the period September, 1965 through August 31, 1975, is hereby made.

"The area of interest is shaded red on the attached sketch.

Very truly yours,

JAHUCKE SERVICE, INC.

(Signed) A. H. Honeycutt"

Dr. St. Amant stated that Jahucke Service Inc. requested permit to dredge for sand and gravel in West Pearl River from mile 25 to mile 29, and in Holmes Bayou from West Pearl River to East Pearl River, in St. Tammany Parish. He stated the application met all requirements set forth by this Commission and an examination of both dredging sites indicated that no serious damage will occur to wild life and fisheries, provided the Company is able to operate in a manner that will not pollute or excessively silt downstream waters.

Dr. St. Amant recommended that the permit be granted provided our standard clause concerning pollution control below such operations be included, and that in the event serious pollution occurs, that the permit be cancelled.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that request from Jahucke Service Inc. to dredge for sand and gravel in West Pearl River from mile 25 to mile 29, and in Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River to the East Pearl River, in St. Tammany Parish, be granted, provided the standard clause concerning pollution control below such operations is included in the permit and in the event of serious pollution that the permit be cancelled.

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

Mr. Ensminger was called to the floor relative to renewal of lease on Coulee Wildlife Refuge.

Mr. Ensminger stated that we had received a request from Mr. Joe Barham of Oak Ridge, La., who owns a portion of this Refuge, to remove a small portion of their land from the Refuge. Mr. Barham stated that their present plans were to clear much of this acreage and put it into the production of soybeans and other agricultural products, and that they would only be interested in considering a year to year proposition whereby they would convey the hunting rights to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. Mr. Barham also requested that the property lying north of the railroad be removed from the Refuge at this time, inasmuch as they have cleared this property and planted it with soybeans.

Mr. Ensminger stated that our existing lease expires in March, 1966, and he recommended renewal of the lease under the above conditions.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of Barham Inc. to remove their property north of the railroad, located in the Coulee

Wild Life Refuge, be granted, and that the Attorney for the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission be instructed to prepare a tentative lease agreement on an annual basis to be presented to Earham Inc., for their consideration to continue leasing of their property south of the railroad and west of Bayou Coulee as a Wild Life Refuge.

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

Mr. Roger Hunter was called to the floor relative to change requested in Boat Registration Application:

Mr. Hunter stated that we had received a letter from Mr. Raymond F. Hufft, Collector of Customs, Treasury Department, Bureau of Customs, requesting us to modify our boat registration applications to include the BEAM of the boat and WHERE BUILT. The purpose of this was to insure documentation of commercial vessels of five net tons or more and the payment of duty on foreign made boats.

Mr. Hunter stated he was requested to prepare a reply that these additions would be included in the applications.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of Honorable Raymond F. Hufft, Collector of Customs, Treasury Department, to include

additional information on our standard boat registration applications, be granted and approved. The specific items to be added will be BEAM and WHERE BUILT. Blanks for this information will be provided on all future applications and our files will be made available to personnel from the Collector's office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a letter be written today to the Collector stating that in the future we will comply with his request with reference to application blanks.

Mr. Smith was called to the floor relative to request of T. L. James & Company for removal of fill material from Russell Sage Game Management Area.

Mr. Smith stated that we had an application from T. L. James & Company to remove borrow pit material from the Russell Sage Game Management Area; that he had met with those people and discussed the request, and if approved, they would like to see certain conditions included in the agreement; that since they were not Highway Engineers, they had requested the engineers of the Louisiana Department of Highways to approve the conditions, and the following letter was received from Mr. C. H. Dunlap, Assistant District Engineer, Department of Highways, Monroe, La.:

"At the request of Mr. James W. Moore, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Highways, I met with your Mr. John Haygood and Mr. Cliff Williams, Mr. Hobson Norris, Wild Life and Fisheries Board Member, and Mr. Moore on Thursday, September 9, 1965, to review a proposal by T. L. James & Company to construct a two mile section of gravel base roadway in the Russell Sage Wildlife Refuge as payment for approximately 500,000 cubic yards of borrow excavation.

"I studied the enclosed correspondence, sketches, and cost estimate and informed the above parties that the cost estimate as submitted by T. L. James and Company is reasonable and below the bid prices normally submitted to the Department for similar construction. The \$0.05 per cubic yard price used as a basis for this estimate also is considered reasonable compensation for excavation material.

"If we can be of assistance in staking the location of the proposed road or supervising the construction, we shall be pleased to serve you.

Yours very truly,

C. M. Dunlap
Assistant District Engineer"

Mr. Smith stated he would like to suggest that if this agreement is approved, it could be drawn up with specific terms written out; that as far as the Fish and Game Division was concerned, there are no features which would adversely affect the operation and management of the area.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the application of T. L. James & Company for the removal of approximately 500,000 cubic yards of fill material from the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, Ouachita Parish, for the construction of Interstate

Highway I-20, be approved, provided the T. L. James Company agrees to excavate the borrow pits at a location and to a dimension acceptable to the Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the T. L. James Company will agree to construct approximately 2½ miles of gravel road, properly shouldered and drained, on the Russell Sage Area, in exchange for the fill material.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plans and specifications for both the borrow pits and the roadway be set forth in a contract and signed by the Director of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, as well as T.L. James Company Inc., prior to any of this work being carried out.

Chairman Kyle stated that the Commission wished to commend the people in our department who took part in helping out during hurricane BETSY.

He said there were 192 people involved, 127 land vehicles, 61 boats and 32,456 man hours. He stated that the people of our department performed an outstanding job and he called upon Director Hair, who, he said, was doing two jobs down here and in the Governor's office.

Mr. Hair stated that it was a wonderful experience to see the type of people we have working for us doing such a good job in assisting in evacuation of persons from flooded areas, establishing two-way radio communications, patrolling

to prevent looting, as well as preventing any violations of the fish and game laws; that Judge Perez, Rep. San Nunez and others thanked him and complimented the department for the good work performed in the field; that so many people told him that they did not know what they would have done without the personnel of the Wild Life and Fisheries; that we had some of our people from North Louisiana to go down to Venice; that Mr. Yancey, Mr. Easminger, Ceburn Hood, Claude LeBlanc and many others of the Commission were on the job day and night and some of our people stayed in remote areas where all communications and enforcement activities had been cut off for up to seven days; that this work speaks better for the department than anything he had ever seen or heard; that he was proud of all of them especially the ones from St. Bernard, Plaquemines, St. Charles, Lafourche Parishes and all of the Agents from north Louisiana; that we had sent 10 men to Plaquemines Parish to replace the National Guard for enforcement and guard duties.

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

WHEREAS, Hurricane Betsy, one of the most powerful tropical storms ever to hit Louisiana, crossed the Florida Keys and entered the Gulf of Mexico after following an erratic course in the lower Atlantic which indicated no threat to the

Northern Gulf Coast, and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Betsy proved to be a fast-moving storm with winds ranging between 140 and 150 miles per hour, gusting to 175 miles per hour, leaving little time for emergency preparations when it turned northerly and aimed its powerful punch at the Louisiana Delta, and

WHEREAS, Commission personnel of all Divisions went into action immediately before the storm struck and continued tirelessly to assist in evacuation of persons from flooded areas, establishing two-way radio communications, patrolling to prevent looting, as well as violations of State fish and game laws, and

WHEREAS, these activities were carried out on a 24 hour basis by Commission personnel who themselves had suffered great loss but were unmindful of personal losses as long as their services were so greatly needed by others, and

WHEREAS, radio communications, use of Commission patrol boats and small craft, constant use of Commission aircraft, and rapid movement of heavy drag line equipment to distress areas plays a vital role in bringing about initial restoration and drainage work, and

WHEREAS, this immediate response and instinctive sense of duty to the high ideals and standards of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission was demonstrated at all levels throughout the wake of the hurricane, and

WHEREAS, it is impossible to personally commend each employee of the Commission for the many hours and days of extra duty and courage to meet up with the demands that were made upon them during this period of great distress,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby praise and commend its personnel who gave so willingly of their time and energy to aid in rescue rehabilitation and service to the people of the hurricane stricken areas of Louisiana.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to each and every member of the Commission staff, acknowledging gratefully and proudly the unmatched teamwork that was demonstrated during a period that will never be erased from memory even after the long and tedious task of restoration and rebuilding has been accomplished.

Chairman Kyle then recognized Mr. David Doland, Police Juror From Cameron Parish.

Mr. Doland stood and acknowledged the introduction.

Dr. St. Amant was called to the floor relative to an assignment by Ratcliff Materials Inc.

Dr. St. Amant stated that Ratcliff Materials Inc. holds a joint lease with four other companies for the dredging of shells in Lake Pontchartrain, which contains a clause stating

that they shall not transfer or assign said lease without permission from this Commission. Ratcliff Materials Inc. would like to use their lease as security for a mortgage with a North Carolina Bank. This assignment has been examined by our legal department and was found to be in order. It is also similar to assignments previously granted.

Dr. St. Amant recommended that the assignment be granted and the proper person be authorized to sign such an agreement. He stated that the previous assignments were signed by the Chairman of the Commission and the Chief of the Oysters, Water Bottoms and Seafoods Division.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that J. E. Kyle, Jr., Chairman, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, be empowered to sign any and all instruments giving the consent of said Commission to Ratcliff Materials Inc., to mortgage to North Carolina National Bank, a certain lease dated August 25, 1964, by and between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Ratcliff Materials Inc.

And to do and perform all acts necessary and proper to put said agreement into effect.

Director Hair stated that he had a request from Senator Austin Fontenot to look into the possibility of

changing some of our Districts; that at the present time, we had 8 districts, and that the Senator requested that a 9th District be made of St. Landry, Evangeline and Lafayette Parishes, and to take them out of their present district.

Director Hair stated - "I do not feel that at the present time, we have gone into this situation enough where we could come up with a recommendation one way or another, as it has far reaching effects on other districts. I think this should be studied before any decision is made."

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Buquet, and unanimously adopted, the request for the formation of a 9th District, comprising St. Landry, Evangeline and Lafayette Parishes, was taken in abeyance to be studied, and a committee will be appointed at a later date.

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

J. D. Hair Jr., Director and Secretary

