**PUBLIC OYSTER SEED GROUND VESSEL PERMIT APPEALS BOARD**

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 25, 2010 – 10:00 A.M.

2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

LDWF OFFICE IN THE UNO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY BUILDING

2021 LAKESHORE DRIVE, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70122

Board Members Present:

1. Jakov Jurisic, Chairman
2. Wilbert Collins
3. Dan Coulon
4. Rodney Fox
5. Brad Robin
6. Peter Vujnovich, Jr.

Board Members Absent:

1. Shane Bagala
2. Buddy Daisy
3. Byron Encalade

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jurisic at 10:12am.

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of April 6, 2010

* Peter Vujnovich, Jr. – Motion to Accept
  + Wilbert Collins – Seconded
  + MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

1. Hearing of Previously Deferred Appeals
   1. Andrew Livings (not attending)
      * Deferred three times previously
      * Has not attended any meeting
      * LDWF has no trip ticket recording oyster landings for Livings during the qualifying years.
      * Livings did not hold any of the required licenses during the qualifying years.
      * Livings was sent a notice of meeting and LDWF staff left a message informing him of today’s meeting
      * LDWF has received no response.
      * The board felt Livings has shown no interest in obtaining a permit.
      * Dan Coulon – Motion: due to failure to supply information or to attend meetings, the board is unable to recommend a permit
        + Peter Vujnovich, Jr. – Seconded
        + MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
   2. John Livings (not attending)

[Board addressed Livings’ separate appeals for vessels MI-4590-BB and MI-5353-BG as one appeal]

* + - Deferred three times previously
    - Livings was sent a notice of meeting and LDWF staff left a message informing him of today’s meeting.
    - LDWF has received no response.
    - Held required licenses in 2005 only
    - LDWF has no trip ticket recording oyster landings from Livings during the qualifying years.
    - The board felt Livings has shown no interest in obtaining a permit.
    - Peter Vujnovich, Jr. – Motion: same wording that was used for Andrew Livings [due to failure to supply information or to attend meetings, the board is unable to recommend a permit]
      * Brad Robin – Seconded
      * MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
  1. Donald Joost (not attending)
* Has attended previous meetings
* Has provided affidavits and copies of cancelled checks from Bayou Caddy
* At the previous meeting, the Board asked Joost to provide documentation, possibly in the form of affidavits, showing the cancelled checks were for the purchase of Louisiana oysters. There was no information on the checks to indicate what they were for.
* Joost was not able to attend today’s meeting, because he is performing oil spill response work.
* Dan Coulon – Motion to Defer due to Joost being involved in the oil spill response and that Joost has provided requested information.
  + Wilbert Collins – Seconded
  + MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
  1. Tonci Gabre (not attending)
     + Gabre was unable to attend today’s meeting, because he is working as part of the oil spill response.
     + Gabre expressed some hesitance in pursuing the 50% complete option.
     + Peter Vujnovich, Jr. – Motion to Defer due to Gabre’s involvement with the oil spill response
       - Dan Coulon – Seconded
       - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
  2. Lawrence Peterson (not attending)
     + Peterson has not responded to LDWF’s contact attempts.
     + Deferred twice previously
     + Held required licenses in two of the qualifying years
     + LDWF has no trip ticket recording oyster landings during the qualifying years.
     + Peterson indicates in his appeal that he has affidavits attesting to his fishing oysters from the Public Oyster Seed Grounds during the qualifying years; however no affidavits were included with his appeal papers.
     + Peter Vujnovich, Jr. – Motion to Defer
       - Wilbert Collins – Seconded
       - Dan Coulon suggested that wording indicating failure to provide additional information and/or appear at the next meeting may result in the board being unable to recommend a permit be issued be included in the next letter to Peterson.
       - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

1. Set next meeting date

* Peter Vujnovich, Jr. – Motion to set next meeting date for 10:30am in conjunction with the July Oyster Task Force meeting\*
  + Brad Robin – Seconded
  + MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

1. Adjourn

* Wilbert Collins – Motion to Adjourn
  + Peter Vujnovich, Jr. – Seconded
  + MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 10:38am

Duration of Meeting: 26 min.

Minutes submitted by Ty Lindsey, LDWF Biologist

\*The OTF met later the same day as scheduled and set Tuesday, July 27, 2010 as their next meeting date. Therefore, the next Public Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit Appeals Board meeting will be at 10:30am on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at the LDWF offices on the UNO campus.