**LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION**

**Minutes:  October 8, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission was held on Monday, October 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Lockport Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dean Savoie. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Roll Call:** Present – Oray Savoie, Dean Savoie, Vincent Guillory and Jeffery Bacon. Absent – Brett Bascle. Note - board member Brett Bascle’s absence was due to work.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Vincent Guillory to correct a typo in the September minutes and seconded by Oray Savoie.A motion was made by Oray Savoie and seconded by Jeffery Bacon to approve the minutes as amended. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon, Oray Savoie, and Vincent Guillory; no - none. Motion approved.

**Adoption of Agenda:**  A motion was made by Jeffery Bacon and seconded by Oray Savoie to approve the agenda. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon, Oray Savoie, and Vincent Guillory; no - none. Motion approved.

**Secretary Report:**  The following was accomplished: checked mail box, copied and assembled meeting paperwork (agenda, minutes, financial report, etc.), submitted minutes for publication in Daily Comet, sent minutes and agenda to Parish clerk, paid monthly bills, mailed postcards to Commission members, balanced checking account, mailed out grass violation letter to lease holder, and mailed out camp lease transfer to Chris Jauber.

**Approval of Financial Report:** A motion was made by Jeffery Bacon and seconded by Vincent Guillory to approve the financial report. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon, Oray Savoie, and Vincent Guillory; no - none. Motion approved.

**Public Input****:** Representative Jerry Gisclair indicated that he would sponsor a legislative bill to designate the Lafourche Game and Fish Commission as a Parish board rather than a State board; he further recommended that the Commission first submit obtain approval from the Lafourche Parish Council. A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Oray Savoie for the Commission to submit a formal resolution for approval of the Commission proposal to designate the Commission as a Parish rather than a State board. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon, Oray Savoie, and Vincent Guillory; no - none. Motion approved.

**Business**

**2019 Commission Budget:** The preliminary proposed budget for 2019 was presented to the Commission. The final budget will be submitted for approval at the December meeting.

**State Legislation:** Specific language for state legislation to transfer the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission to a Parish board was tabled until the next meeting.

**Allan Land Company Commercial Lease:** No progress has been made concerning the legality of the requested commercial lease on state property managed by the Commission.

**Removal of Derelict Vessels:** Two of the three documented vessels at lease holder lots have been removed by camp lease holders, although a derelict sailboat has not been removed and the Commission will request an update. In addition, the Commission has requested an inquiry about another Lake Fields cleanup in conjunction with the Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary Program sponsored Bayou Lafourche clean up.

**Submerged Lake Fields Debris:** Commission member Oray Savoie volunteered to obtain an estimate for the removal of the submerged camp debris off the cut from Camp Canal into Lake Fields.

**Camp Lease Lottery Lots:** Board member Jeffery Bacon notified the board that he has been compiling maps of the areas that will possibly be made available soon as lottery lots. No action was taken.

**Election of Officers:** Commission member Vincent Guillory nominated Jeffery Bacon as Chairman and Oray Savoie seconded. Jeffery Bacon accepted the nomination without a formal vote and will be the new Chairman. Oray Savoie nominated Vincent Guillory as vice-chairman with a second from Jeffery Bacon. Vincent Guillory accepted the nomination and will continue as the vice-chairman without a formal vote.

**Other Business:**

**Abandoned Well head:** Commission member Jeffery Bacon indicated the submerged abandoned well head in northern Lake Fields has been inspected by the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and accepted into the “orphan wells program’, and that it will be soon marked with a visible light.

**Ethics Training:**  The next mandated ethics training will be held at the Warren Harang Municipal Auditorium in Thibodaux on October 24, 2018 @ 2pm. As an alternative, Commission members could obtain certification online.

**Adjournment:**A motion was made by Oray Savoie and seconded by Vincent Guillory to adjourn the meeting.  Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon, Oray Savoie and Vincent Guillory; no - none. Motion approved.

Dean Savoie

Chairman

Shontelle Dufrene

Secretary