**Minutes for November 16, 2011**

**LA CRAWFISH PROMOTION & RESEARCH BOARD**

**NOAA ESTUARIJNE HABITATS AND COSTAL FISHERIES CENTER**

**700 CAJUNDOME BLVD.**

**LAFAYETTE, LA**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Ralph Babin called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

MEMBERS PRESENT MEMBERS ABSENT

Jody Meche

Mike Bienvenu Rudy Sparks

David Savoy Mike Maenza

Greg Faulk Wayne Romig

Bill Pizzolato Wylie Jewell

Robert Buller

Greg Benhard

Ralph Babin

**DELCARATION OF A QUORUM:**

 Chairman Babin declared the presence of a quorum with 8 members present and 4 members absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION BY**: Jody Meche and seconded by Bill Pizzolato to approve the minutes as presented for September 14, 2011. Motion Carried.

**COLLECTIONS & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Chairman Babin called on Dr. Ron Harrell to present the collections and financial reports. He reported the board the current condition of accounts.

**MOTION BY:** Greg Faulk and seconded by David Savoy to except the financial report as presented. Motion Carried.

 **BOARD BUSINESS:**

Director Minvielle informed the board of the media efforts and the other efforts being done by the boards.

**Motion By:** Greg Faulk and seconded by Mike Bienvenu to renew the directors contract for and additional year at same rate of $12,000.00. Motion Carried

**Motion By:** Jody Meche and seconded by Mike Bienvenu to send a letter of support for Dr. Walkers research project with Southern University. Motion Carried

**Motion By:** Mike Bienvenu and seconded by Robert Buller to amended the action by the board of the September 14, 2011 meeting to fund Mrs. Dee Scallan $5,000.00 to increase the funding to $10,000.00 total. Motion Carried

**Motion By:** Jody Meche and Seconded by Mike Bienvenu to have the director request information from LDAF concerning who was the agent for the department for the right-of-way and environmental easements in the Atchafalaya Basin and to please provide their contact information. Motion Carried

The board was addressed by Jeremy Boykin with the Crawfish Guy I-phone Apps.

After a lengthy discussion, the board elected to table to the next meeting**.**

**Promotions & Research:**

**MOTION BY:** Jody Meche and second by Mike Bienvenu to accept and fund the Automated Crawfish Peeling Machine research proposal by Dr. Mark Zappi with UL of Lafayette College of Engineering for Phase 1 for the sum of $5,000.00. Motion Carried.

**MOTION BY:** David Savoy and second by Jody Meche to accept and fund the promotion project for web site design and hosting with the RAD Consulting Group for one year for the sum of $9,000.00 . Motion Carried

**Motion By:** Bill Pizzolato and seconded by Robert Buller to renew the boards contract for promotional cooking show with LA Farm Bureau for another season for $5,000.00. Motion Carried

**No public comment:**

 Date set for next meeting is January 25th, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. at the same place in Lafayette.

**MOTION BY:** Jody Meche and seconded by Greg Faulk to Adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.