

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

**MINUTES**

**October 3, 2017**

**JAKOV JURISIC**

**CHAIRMAN**

**NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

The following constitute minutes of the Public Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit Appeals  
Board Meeting

and are not a verbatim transcript of the proceedings.

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Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

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October 3, 2017 – 9:00 A.M.  
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
LDWF OFFICE IN THE UNO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY BUILDING  
2021 LAKESHORE DRIVE, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70122

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jakov Jurisic at approximately 9:05am.

AGENDA

I. Roll Call

- Shane Bagala – Present
- Buddy Daisy – Absent
- Dan Coulon – Absent
- Byron Encalade – Present
- Jakov Jurisic – Present
- Brad Robin – Present
- Sam Slavich – Present
- Peter Vujnovich, Jr. – Present

Quorum present.

Jurisic asked Ty Lindsey, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Biologist, if he had received notice from the Louisiana Oyster Dealers & Growers Association of a new Board member to replace former member Wilbert Collins.

Lindsey said he had received an email this morning that Tracy Collins has been named as the new member of the Public Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit Appeals Board.

II. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of September 5, 2017

- Vujnovich – Motion to Approve
  - Bagala – Seconded
  - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

III. Hearing of Deferred Renewal Permit Appeals

1. Lizeth Rizas Mendez (attending)

- Lindsey stated that the vessel LA6031EB was under Mendez's father's name in 2014, which was the last year that vessel held a permit. Mendez claimed her father became ill and issued a Power of Attorney for Mendez to handle affairs including transferring ownership of LA6031EB to Mendez. Mendez also claimed she was told by LDWF at the time that she could not renew the permit. Records indicate only that Mendez had the expired permit transferred into her name on July 17, 2017. At this point, Mendez is appealing to renew an expired permit that is now in her name.
- Jurisich asked Mendez if she had attempted to renew the permit.
- Mendez said she was told by LDWF that she could not.

- Jurisch asked when was Mendez told that.
- Mendez stated it was in 2014.
- Jurisch asked when the permit expired.
- Lindsey stated a 2014 permit expired December 31, 2015.
- Jurisch established that the permit could have been renewed in 2015, but that LDWF had informed Mendez otherwise.
- Slavich thought it was clear that Mendez was given incorrect information by LDWF and that she should have been allowed to renew the permit
  - Slavich – Motion to recommend a renewal permit be issued to Mendez
    - Bagala – Seconded
    - Robin requested Mendez provide a letter stating what she was told by LDWF
    - [Mendez provided such a letter along with her appeal form]
    - Jurisch asked Mendez to provide LDWF with copies of her Power of Attorney.
    - Encalade asked if LDWF already had copies of the Power of Attorney
    - Mendez said LDWF kept the original.
    - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

IV. Receive public comments

- None received.

V. Set next meeting date

- Vujnovich – Motion to set next meeting date in conjunction with the next OTF meeting.\*
  - Encalade – Seconded
  - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

VI. Adjournment

- Bagala – Motion to Adjourn
    - Robin – Seconded
    - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
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Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20am; Duration of Meeting: approximately 15 minutes.

Minutes drafted by Ty Lindsey, LDWF Biologist

\*The OTF met later the same day as scheduled and set Tuesday, December 12, 2017 as their next meeting date to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana. Therefore, the next Public Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit Appeals Board meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2017 in New Orleans, Louisiana if needed. There were no pending appeal cases as of adjournment of the October 3, 2017 Board meeting.