**Oyster Lease Damage Evaluation Board**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, January 5, 2012, 2:00 p.m.**

**DNR – LaBelle Room**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairperson Vivian Guillory introduced herself and called the general meeting of the Oyster Lease Damage Evaluation Board to order at the DNR Building – LaBelle Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802.

Chairperson Guillory asked the Board Members to identify themselves. Board members present in addition to Ms. Guillory were: Mike Voisin and Ralph Pausina.

Ms. Guillory asked the audience to identify themselves: Those in attendance were

biologists Nicholas Gaspard, Brady Trahan, Jude LeDoux, Adam Trahan; Rhonda Coston, DNR Internal Audit; and Stephen Chustz, DNR/OCM.

**Approval of New Board Member**

Chairperson Guillory stated that she was retiring from state service and the Board would have to select a new member to take her place. Ms. Guillory introduced Charlie Perrault, a practicing Administrative Law Judge with the Division of Administrative Law (DAL) since 1996 with a background in natural resource and environmental work. The Division of Administrative Law recommended Mr. Perrault be selected to fill the seat being vacated by Ms. Guillory. Motion was made by Mr. Voisin seconded by Mr. Pausina to approve Mr. Perrault as the new Board member and Chairman of the Board. Motion passed without objection. Ms. Guillory was given a round of applause in recognition of her service to the Board and the State of Louisiana.

**Adoption of minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Pausina seconded by Mr. Voisin to accept the minutes of the January 6, 2011 General Meeting as distributed. The motion was passed without objection.

**Recertification of All Oyster Biologists & Permanent Certification of Temporarily Certified Biologists**

For the record, the Chairman read aloud the names of biologists requesting

recertification. (List attached for reference.) A motion to recertify the biologists was made by Mr. Voisin and seconded by Mr. Pausina. Motion passed without objection**.** Mr. Pausina asked if a letter should be sent to the biologists who were recertified asking them to confirm they were able to serve. The Chairman asked Ms. Ortego if that was the current procedure. Ms. Ortego advised that prior to the meeting, an email was sent to all of the biologists asking that they respond if they wished to be recertified at the meeting. A response by email or letter was received from each of the biologists stating that they wanted to be recertified at the General Meeting. Mr. Pausina suggested this procedure be made part of the meeting record.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Voisin and seconded by Mr. Pausina.

Submitted by: Phyllis Ortego, Department of Natural Resources

APPROVED: February 28, 2013