**LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**Minutes Of Public Meeting**

**September 11, 2023, Lockport Town Hall**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phillip Gouaux.

**Roll Call:** Present – Ryan Chouest, Marty Vedros, Phillip Gouaux, Stephen Acosta, Joy Acosta and Donald Lefort; absent – Monica Hoffpauir. A legal quorum was present according to Commission bylaws and policies.

**Approval of July Minutes:** Marty Vedrosmotioned and Stephen Acosta seconded to approve the August minutes as presented. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Marty Vedros motioned and Stephen Acosta seconded to approve the agenda. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Secretary’s Report:** Paid monthly bills; checked mail; sent minutes and agenda to Clerk of Court; monthly financial report; recorded lease transfers; answered phone calls and emails; contacted gator farm regarding egg payment, etc.

**Financial Report:** Stephen Acosta motioned and Marty Vedros seconded to approve the financial report. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Public Input:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux noted that general public comments are welcome and invited the public to speak at podium.

**Business:**

**Alligator Egg Monies:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised the board and the public that the monies for the alligator eggs has not been received. Donald Lefort motioned that a letter be sent to harvester regarding late payment, seconded by Marty Vedros. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Lease Transfer Revision/Atty Eugene Gouaux:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised the board and public that the new lease contract will be ready for board review at next meeting. Approval of changes will take place before final draft is complete.

**Employee Raise:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux suggested a cost of living raise for said employee. A motion was made by Donald Lefort and seconded by Marty Vedros . Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Other Business:**

**Chairman’s Comments:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux requested that on the next agenda, it would include a “Chairman’s comments” section to be added at the end of the agenda. A motion was made by Marty Vedros and seconded by Stephen Acosta. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Bayou Folse Sweep:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised the board that he was told by the Levee District that we would be responsible for the expense of furnishing a barge and dumpster for this project. Representative Joe Orgeron advised that he may be able to find fundings not to refuse the idea of the project. Will update next meeting.

**Alligator Season 2024:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux suggested to the board that we reach out to find the higher paying buyers locally for the next trapping season and possibly add to contract for the next season.

**Field Trips:** The board would like to start scheduling trips into the field/lake area for assessments.

**Next Meeting / Agenda:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux stated that the next meeting will be held on October 9th at 6:30 at the Lockport town hall.

**Adjournment:** Marty Vedros motioned to adjourn and Stephen Acosta seconded. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

Phillip Gouaux

Chairman

Shontelle Dufrene

Secretary