# LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION

**February 1, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission was held on

Monday, February 1, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Lockport Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joseph Dantin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Roll Call:** Present – Vincent Guillory, Oray Savoie, Lloyd Ledet, Rudy Laris and Joseph Dantin;

Absent - Josh Champagne.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Oray Savoie and seconded by Vince Guillory to approve the minutes as presented. Voting yes - Oray Savoie, Rudy Laris, Lloyd Ledet and Vince Guillory; no – none

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Rudy Laris and seconded by Vince Guillory to approve the agenda as presented. Voting yes — Oray Savoie, Rudy Laris, Lloyd Ledet and Vince Guillory; no – none.

**Secretary Report**: The following work was done for the months of January and February; preparation for the monthly meeting; check the post office; responded to various phone calls about leases, etc.; transferred one camp lease; prepared 2015 paperwork for audit; set up file cabinet for 2016; sent certified letter about tall grass; went to Community Bank about CD’s, made copied alligator hide records; prepared and mailed lease renewal forms; obtained sizes and prices of at Signs R Us; and, received James Thibodeaux resignation letter and submitted it to Parish Council. Received correspondence from attorney Henry Lafont that stated that the Commission was removed from the Lake Long boating accident law suit.

**Approval of Financial Report**: A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Lloyd Ledet to accept the financial report as presented. Voting yes - Oray Savoie, Rudy Laris, Lloyd Ledet and Vince Guillory; no – none.

**Public Input**: None at this time.

**Camp Canal Cuts Closure Project/ Camp Spoil:** A discussion was held concerning the Camp Canal cut closure project. Two contractors were brought out to inspect the project site with several Commission members, and they will later provide cost estimates. Vincent Guillory made a motion to accept bids from the two contractors and to continue monitoring the area and Oray Savoie seconded. Voting yes - Oray Savoie, Rudy Laris, Lloyd Ledet and Vince Guillory; no – none. Individual lease holders would have the opportunity to hire the contractor for the spoil needs.

**Lake Fields Cleanup Project:** Commission members discussedthe LakeFields cleanup with Seth Moncrittof BTNEP, who will be coordinating the project. A motion was made by Oray Savoie and second by Lloyd Ledet to appropriate up to $20,000.00 for the cleanup. Voting yes Oray Savoie, Rudy Laris, Lloyd Ledet and Vince Guillory; no- none. A BTNEP representative be present at the March meeting to provide more details. The cleanup is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 9 2016.

**Comprehensive Restoration Project Proposal:** On a motion by Oray Savoie and a second by Lloyd Ledet this agenda item was moved to last. Voting - yes Oray Savoie, Rudy Laris, Lloyd Ledet and Vince Guillory; no – none.

**Lease Boundary Measurements:** Vincent Guillory distributed a handout which provided the rationale, results of the lot measurements, and pictures. The boundaries were based upon existing and old bulkheads. Both Jackie Marie and Farral Folse commented on the proposed boundaries. After a long discussion, an agreement was reached between the two parties. Vincent Guillory moved that the identified front (Camp Canal) boundary remain and that the

that the identified back (Lake Fields) boundary be move three feet to the north and

Lloyd Ledet seconded. Voting yes - Oray Savoie, Rudy Laris, Lloyd Ledet and Vince Guillory; no – none.

**Shoreline Restricted Access Corridor Signs**: Ann Thibodaux briefed the Commission on the prices for various signs to be posted. A motion was made by Lloyd Ledet and seconded by Rudy Laris to purchase 25 18” x 24” white signs with red lettering. Voting yes - Oray Savoie, Rudy Laris, Lloyd Ledet and Vince Guillory; no – none.

**Lease holder Brush/Debris and Houseboat Violations:**  A second certified letter concerning a brush/debrisviolationwas sent to Mr. Harvey Pertuit; however, no response was received. The

Commission agreed that previous adopted policies concerning brush or debris violations should be applied and to assess Mr. Pertuit the cleanup cost plus a $100.00 administrative fee. An individual will be contacted to cut the brush.

**Commission Vacancy**: James Thibodeaux’s letter of resignation was received and submitted to the Parish Council. No replacement has been appointed.

**Comprehensive Restoration Project Proposal:** Dustin Rabalais from T. Baker Smith addressed the Commission about soliciting grants to complete a comprehensive Lake Fields restoration project, which includes a weir on Bayou Dumar, closure or narrowing of the cut between Lake Fields and Camp Canal, and terraces along the southern shoreline of Lake Fields.

A motion was made by Rudy Laris and seconded by Oray Savoie to give Mr. Rabalais the authority to act as the agent for the Commission and to apply for grants on behalf of the Commission.. Voting - yes Oray Savoie, Rudy Laris, Lloyd Ledet and Vince Guillory; no – none. Mr. Rabalais also needed a standard agreement for time and money. The Commission proposed $5,000.00 - $10,000.00 for a grant writer. A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and second by Rudy Laris to enter in an agreement with T. Baker Smith for the standard agreement for time and money. Voting-yes Oray Savoie, Rudy Laris, Lloyd Ledet and Vince Guillory; no – none.

**Other Business:** Joseph Dantin advised the Commission that he is resigning from the Commission because he is moving out of state to begin a doctorate program at Florida State University.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2016.

A motion was made by Rudy Laris and second by Oray Savoie to adjourn the meeting. Voting -yes Oray Savoie, Rudy Laris, Lloyd Ledet and Vince Guillory; no – none.

Joseph Dantin

Chairman

Anne Thibodeaux

Secretary