**LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION**

**Minutes:  October 9, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission was held on Monday, October 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Lockport Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vincent Guillory. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Roll Call:** Present – Vincent Guillory, Oray Savoie, Brett Bascle and Dean Savoie (arrived later). Absent - none.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Oray Savoie and seconded by Brett Bascle to approve the minutes as presented. Voting yes – Oray Savoie and Brett Bascle; no – none. Motion approved.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Chairman Vincent Guillory notified the board that two items needed to be added to the agenda: correction of July field trip minutes and additional requirements for ethic training. A motion was made by Oray Savoie and seconded by Brett Bascle to add the additional items to the agenda. Voting yes- Oray Savoie and Brett Bascle; no - one. A motion was made by Oray Savoie and seconded by Brett Bascle to approve the amended agenda. Voting yes - Oray Savoie and Brett Bascle; no - none.

**Secretary Report:**  The following was accomplished: checked mail box, copied and assembled meeting paperwork (agenda, minutes, financial report, etc.) for the October meeting, submitted minutes for publication in Daily Comet, sent minutes and agenda to Parish clerk, paid monthly bills, prepared third quarter taxes, emailed postcards to Commission members, balanced checking account, took call about camp and lease going up for sale, and prepared proposed budget items.

**Approval of Financial Report:** A motion was made by Brett Bascle and seconded by Oray Savoie to accept the September financial report. Voting yes - Oray Savoie and Brett Bascle;  no - none. Motion approved.

**Public Input:**  None.

**Restoration Plan Engineering Bid Notices:** Chairman Vincent Guillory notified the Board that he received responses from two companies (T. Baker Smith and Duplantis Design Group) that wished to later submit a formal. A formal bid request will later be sent to each company. Board member Brett Bascle made a motion to not accept these two companies and to go through the formal public bid process; no second was made and the motion was not approved.

**Hunting Restriction Around Camps:** Chairman Vincent Guillory reported that a request was submitted to Councilman Armand Autin to extend a prior Parish Ordinance mandating a 500 feet restriction for waterfowl hunting within 500 feet of a residence to include those portions of the Lake Fields/Lake Long Preserve north and west of Company Canal.

**Number of Board Members:**Chairman Vincent Guillory reported that Councilman Armand Autin was notified of our request to reduce the number of board members from seven to five.

**Helis Oil and Gas Abandoned Structure:** ChairmanVincent Guillory notified the board that a letter containing the coordinates was sent to Helis Oil and Gas concerning the abandoned structure.

**New Camp Leases:**Chairman Vincent Guillory spoke of the advantages vs disadvantages of making vacant lots available to the public. Board members suggested that several members survey how many vacant lots were suitable camp lots.

**Ethics Training:** Chairman Vincent Guillory notified board members of the mandatory annual ethics training. The training must be completed by all board members each year. There is an upcoming training session in Thibodaux on October 24th at the Warren Harang Civic Center and it may also be taken online at [www.ethics.la.us/training](http://www.ethics.la.us/training). Certificates are to be sent in to Commission secretary after completion of training.

**Proposed 2018 Budget:** Chairman Vincent Guillory discussed the preliminary proposal for the 2018 budget. The final budget approval will take place at the next meeting scheduled for December 11, 2017.

**Correction of July field trip minutes:** Chairman Vincent Guillory notified the board that the minutes for the July field trip contained an error in an endorsement letter to BTNEP concerning their Bayou Folse nutrient reduction. The statement “BTNEP sent Commission letter for sewage treatment plants on the Bayou Folse canal and wanted Commission approval” should have read “The Commission endorsed a BTNEP program to improve water quality by providing educational resources to homeowners in the upper Bayou Folse watershed and possible financial assistance to home owners who voluntarily agreed to improve their faulty home sewerage treatment facilities”.  A motion was made by Brett Bascle and seconded by Oray Savoie to reopen lots for camp leases and for Commission members to survey how many vacant lots were suitable for camps. Voting yes- Dean Savoie, Oray Savoie and Brett Bascle; no - none.

**Additional State Requirements:** Chairman Vincent Guillory reported that an email from the Division of Admission was received in early October which stated that the Commission was classified as a State of Louisiana commission or board and that detailed information was requested with an October 31 deadline. A response was submitted by the Chairman stating that the Commission was a Parish and not a State board. No response was received.

**Adjournment:**A motion was made by Oray Savoie and seconded by Dean Savoie to adjourn the meeting.  Voting yes – Dean Savoie, Brett Bascle and Oray Savoie; no – none.

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 11, 2017.

Vincent Guillory

Chairman

Shontelle Cockerham

Secretary