MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LOUISIANA CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES CORPORATION TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2011

A meeting of the Board of the Louisiana Correctional Facilities Corporation ("LCFC") was duly called and held Tuesday, June 21, 2011 in the Fifth Floor Main Conference Room of Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre, L.L.P., Four United Plaza, 8555 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809-7000, pursuant to due notice having been given according to Louisiana Public Meetings Law.

The following members were present:

Mr. Tommy Head Secretary James LeBlanc Mr. Ted Riser Mr. Whalen Gibbs, Jr. Mr. Richard Crain

The following member(s) were absent:

None

Also present:

Mr. Tom C. Bickham, III – Undersecretary, Department of Public Safety & Corrections
Ms. Patti Dunbar - Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrére & Denégre L.L.P.

Item 1 – Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Tommy Head. Mr. Head noted that a quorum was present and that the Board could conduct its business.

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting from March 15, 2011

Motion was made for the approval of minutes from the Board meeting of March 15, 2011 by Mr. Crain. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Riser and the Motion passed by unanimous vote.

<u>Item 3 – Update on progress made by Todd Gates, oil and gas attorney hired by LCFC</u> for research in Union Parish and brokering a deal for the drilling of a well in East Carroll <u>Parish</u> Mr. Head reported that Mr. Gates provided LCFC with an e-mail detailing the status regarding East Carroll Parish drilling possibilities. Some companies have responded that they were not interested at this time because the tract lies outside of their area of interest. He is still waiting to hear back from some of the companies. He will notify LCFC of the remaining replies as he receives them. A copy of this e-mail is attached to these minutes. Mr. Head stated that one of the companies has vast holdings in south Texas and that they may be interested.

As far as Union Parish research, Mr. Gates has also provided LCFC with a letter detailing his status. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes. In summary, according to Mr. Gates' research, in 1962, the previous owner of the property transferred the mineral rights to a related company and therefore, neither Plum Creek nor LCFC ever owned them. Mr. Head stated that he does not understand that if this is the case, why the record shows that LCFC owns 27 acres. Mr. Gates does not have the answer to that yet. He expects more will be cleared up after the Exxon/Plum Creek lawsuit is resolved. The trial is set for July 2011. Mr. Gates thinks that the case may settle before going to trial.

<u>Item 4 – Approval of payment to attorney Todd Gates for services rendered in</u> <u>connection with work done in Union Parish and East Carroll Parish</u>

Mr. Head reported that he received Mr. Gates' invoice for services rendered in connection with both Union Parish and East Carroll Parish. A copy of the invoice in the amount of \$1,625 is attached to these minutes. He requested a Motion for approval of payment of the invoice. Motion was made by Mr. Gibbs and seconded by Mr. Crain. The Motion passed by unanimous vote.

<u>Item 5 – Presentation by Mr. Head regarding offer received for mineral/gas</u> <u>leases in East Carroll Parish and voting by board on same</u>

Mr. Head advised that he had received two offers for \$40 and \$45 per acre for the lease of the property in East Carroll Parish. He stated that he is against these offers as they are way below the average price in that area. He requested that the Board grant him the authority to reject both offers. Motion was made by Mr. Crain and seconded by Mr. Riser. The Motion passed by unanimous vote. Mr. Gibbs then asked what a fair price would be. Mr. Head stated that Mr. Gates had informed him that in that part of the country, a fair price would be \$200 - \$250 per acre and that in Union Parish \$300 per acre would be a fair price.

Item 6 – Update on projects for Department of Public Safety and Corrections

Mr. Bickham stated that the re-entry project in Caddo is completed and waiting on fire marshal approvals. There will be a grand opening some time in July. The facility is very nice and it was completed within budget. The Cameron fencing project is also completed and fencing is being built at other facilities as well. FEMA funds have been received to help with this. It will be a little over \$3 million to get the rest of the facilities up and running. Mr. LeBlanc stated that it had been a hectic legislative session but that the budget had just been finalized. He stated that they were allocated approximately \$1.6 million in the re-entry program and are considering constructing a re-entry facility in the capital region. This will be similar to the Caddo parish and the Orleans parish facilities. He stated that these facilities are very important and have been working to reduce the prison population. The prison population went down in 2010 (by 300) for the first time in the history of the department. Local sheriffs depend on inmates in local facilities to run their operations. Mr. LeBlanc stated that they must find a way to share benefits of reducing the prison population with the local sheriffs and that they would work on that. He went on to update the Board on the cuts made by the department and the status of legislation, which all passed. Mr. LeBlanc also reported that the evacuation of Angola because of the Mississippi River flooding had been accomplished with no problems. He then requested authorization by the Board to send a letter to Commissioner Rainwater requesting permission to move forward with the re-entry project for the capital region. Motion was made by Mr. Crain and seconded by Mr. Riser. The Motion passed by unanimous vote.

<u>Item 7 – Approval of reimbursement of expenses incurred by Board members for</u> <u>travel expenses</u>

Motion was made by Mr. Crain for the approval of reimbursement of expenses incurred by Board Members by Mr. Crain, Mr. Head and Mr. Riser. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Gibbs and the Motion passed by unanimous vote.

<u>Item 8 – Approval of legal fees submitted by Jones Walker, et al (JW Invoice No.</u> 543575 dated April 19, 2011 and JW Invoice No. 549996 dated June 6, 2011) as previously forwarded to Tommy Head for approval

Mr. Head stated that he had reviewed the invoice submitted by Jones Walker and found it to be in order. Motion was made for the approval of legal fees submitted by Jones Walker, et al by Mr. Gibbs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Crain and the Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Item 9 - Transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Board

There was no other business to transact. Motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Gibbs. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Riser and the Motion passed by unanimous vote.