**Minutes for January 25, 2012**

**LA CRAWFISH PROMOTION & RESEARCH BOARD**

**NOAA ESTUARIJNE HABITATS AND COSTAL FISHERIES CENTER**

**700 CAJUNDOME BLVD.**

**LAFAYETTE, LA**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Ralph Babin called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

MEMBERS PRESENT MEMBERS ABSENT

Jody Meche

Mike Bienvenu Rudy Sparks

David Savoy Mike Maenza

Greg Faulk Greg Benhard

Bill Pizzolato Wylie Jewell

Robert Buller

Wayne Romig

Ralph Babin

**DELCARATION OF A QUORUM:**

 Chairman Babin declared the presence of a quorum with 8 members present and 4 members absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION BY**: Jody Meche and seconded by Mike Bienvenu to approve the minutes as presented for November 16, 2011. Motion Carried.

**COLLECTIONS & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Chairman Babin called on Dr. Ron Harrell to present the collections and financial reports. He reported the board the current condition of accounts.

**MOTION BY:** David Savoy seconded by Greg Faulk to except the financial report as presented. Motion Carried.

 **BOARD BUSINESS:**

Director Minvielle informed the board of the efforts to try and find out who the LDAF had appointed to manage the environmental easements if the basin. He informed the board about the inquires with the department so far he has not found the person and is not sure that someone has been appointed to handle it. The board asked that the director send a letter to DNR for information on the matter.

The board discussed the efforts of the Louisiana Seafood Promotion & Marketing Boards to have the New Orleans arena renamed the Louisiana Seafood Arena.

The board agreed to have the chairman send a letter to the effect that the Louisiana Crawfish Research & Promotion Board was not in favor of spending the proposed level of funding on this effort.

**Promotions & Research:**

**Motion By:** Jody Meche and second by David Savoy to accept and fund the request for promotional funding for Louisiana Live for up to $3000.00 under the chairman discretion pending an ethics opinion on the matter assuring that this action would not be a conflict. Motion Carried.

**Motion By:** Greg Faulk and seconded by Mike Bienvenu to provide LSU Ag. Center $1000.00 for the Ag. Magic crawfish promotional efforts. Motion Carried

**Motion By:** David Savoy and seconded by Mike Bienvenu to work with Delta Media to endorse their efforts on Louisiana Crawfish promotion. Motion Carried

**Motion By:** Greg Faulk and seconded by Mike Bienvenu to provide Hospice Foundation of the South $1,000.00 their promotional efforts and an additional $2,000.00 at the chairman desertion for expenses. Motion Carried

**Motion By:** Mike Bienvenu and seconded Greg Faulk by to provide Delmar College Foundation $500.00 and a few cook books for promotional efforts. Motion Carried

**Motion By:** Wayne Romig and second Jody Meche by to accept and fund the promotion project for National Ag. Day on March 16th with the 60 IL’s of crawfish meat, in addition authorize the chairman to purchase meat for the upcoming events at a more appreciable price. Motion Carried

**No public comment:**

 Date set for next meeting is June 26th, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. at the same place in Lafayette.

**MOTION BY:** Jody Meche and seconded by Mike Bienvenu to Adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.