**Minutes for September 17, 2014**

**LA CRAWFISH PROMOTION & RESEARCH BOARD**

**NOAA HABITATS AND COSTAL FISHERIES CENTER**

**700 CAJUNDOME BLVD.**

**LAFAYETTE, LA**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Ralph Babin called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ralph Babin Wylie Jewell

Kip Lastrapes Jody Meche

David Savoy

Greg Faulk

Mike Bienvenu

Robert Buller

Greg Benhard

Wayne Romig

Bill Pizzolato

Chandra Scarber

**DELCARATION OF A QUORUM:**

Chairman Babin declared the presence of a quorum with 10 members present and 2 members absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION BY**: David Savoy and seconded by Robert Buller to approve the minutes as presented for September 17, 2014. Motion Carried.

**COLLECTIONS & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

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

**Promotions & Research:**

The board discussed the request for the board to sponsor an add in the cook book Time Out For Cooking. .

**MOTION BY:** Greg Faulk and seconded David Savoy to fund the request for $800.00. Motion Carried.

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

The Director provided his report;

The board discussed the difficulties with the current RFP process and the reluctance of the regulatory authority to provide the laws, rules, and regulations needed to properly proceed with the RFP process.

**Motion By:** David Savoy and seconded by Chandra Scarber to amend and remove the RFP process and disband the committee. Motion Carried.

The director informed the board of his findings from the San Antonio research trip. He recommended the funding as follows $32,000.00 to San Antonio and $10,000.00 to Memphis for the 2015 digital bill board campaign.

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**Motion BY:**  Robert Buller and seconded by David Savoy to follow the directors recommendation and fund the advertising project for $42,000.00. Motion Carried.

The director informed the board he would not be requesting or the renewal of his contract the LCR&PB. With a lengthy discussion on how the board would proceed, it was decided that they would look within the industry for a possible director replacement.

The possibility of separating the position on the job done was agreed upon by all. If a likely replacement hadn’t been found by the next meeting, they would look further into separating the position.

The discussion on who would handle the phone calls and the emails. The secretary (Robert Buller) agreed to handle this for the time being

**Motion By:** David Savoy and seconded by Mike Bienvenu that the director would meet with Robert Buller and transfer the boards phone number from his personal plan to a plan owned by the LCR&PB. . Motion Carried.

The director will bring all the other boards records back to the LDAF for safe keeping.

The boards recording equipment and computer equipment will be delivered to the chairman.

**No public comment:**

Date set for next meeting is Wednesday November 12, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. at the Wetlands Center in Lafayette.

**MOTION BY:** Mike Bienvenu and seconded by David Savoy to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.