

**PUBLIC OYSTER SEED GROUND VESSEL PERMIT APPEALS BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**January 7, 2014**

**JAKOV JURISIC**

**CHAIRMAN**

**NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

The following constitute minutes of the Public Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit Appeals  
Board Meeting

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808.

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January 7, 2014 – 10:30 A.M.  
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
LDWF OFFICE IN THE UNO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY BUILDING  
2021 LAKESHORE DRIVE, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70122

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jakov Jurisic at approximately 10:34am.

AGENDA

I. Roll Call

- Wilbert Collins – Present
- Dan Coulon – Absent
- Byron Encalade – Present
- Jakov Jurisic – Present
- Buddy Daisy – Absent
- Shane Bagala – Present
- Brad Robin – Present
- Sam Slavich – Present
- Peter Vujnovich, Jr. – Present

Quorum present.

II. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of September 17, 2013

- Encalade – Motion to Approve
  - Collins – Seconded
  - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

III. Hearing of Deferred New Permit Appeals

A. Marty Melerine (not attending)

- Ty Lindsey, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Biologist, reported that Melerine has been deferred three times.
- Vujnovich – Motion to recommend denial of a permit
  - Robin agreed with Vujnovich
  - Vujnovich said Melerine can still pursue a “50% complete” option outside of of the Board
  - Jurisic concerned Melerine was not aware this was his last chance to obtain license through the Board
  - Vujnovich withdrew motion
- Encalade – Substitute Motion to move review of Melerine’s appeal to later in the meeting
  - Vujnovich – Seconded
  - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

#### IV. Hearing of New Renewal Permit Appeals

##### A. Raymond Green (attending)

- Lindsey stated that Green claims hardship due to sickness.
- Green said he sold oysters to Keith Ladner and Mike Cure.
- Encalade said Green's appeal is similar to previous cases and since Green previously held a permit he obviously qualifies.
- Encalade – Motion to recommend a renewal permit be issued
  - Slavich – Seconded
  - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

#### V. Hearing of New Re-Issuance Permits

##### A. Karlin Coulon

- Lindsey explained that Coulon held a 2009 permit, later sold the boat on which the permit was issued, but retained the permit.
- Coulon did not renew the permit, because he did not purchase another boat until recently.
- Coulon claimed LDWF said he had the right to keep the permit and put it on another boat whenever he purchased one.
- Encalade believed Coulon deserved to get his permit back.
- Robin agreed with Encalade mostly because permit holders were not informed that permits will expire if not renewed.
- Encalade – Motion to recommend a re-issuance permit be approved
  - Robin – Seconded
  - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

#### (Return to Melerine appeal)

- Vujnovich – Motion to recommend denial of a permit because Melerine has not appeared before the Board and does not meet the qualifications in order to recommend for approval.
  - Vujnovich withdrew motion
- Slavich – Motion to table Melerine's appeal until Melerine expresses an interest in coming before the Board.
  - Bagala – Seconded
  - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

#### VI. Update on Recommendation Made at September 17, 2013 Meeting

- The Board made one recommendation at its last meeting.
  - Troy Alfonso appealed for a renewal permit. The Board recommended a renewal permit be issued to him. Secretary Barham agreed with the recommendation. A renewal permit was issued to Alfonso on November 19, 2013.

#### VII. Receive Public Comments

- Lynette Bagala said, "Ya'll are doing a great job."

VIII. Set next meeting date

- Vujnovich – Motion to set next meeting date, if needed, in conjunction with the next OTF meeting.\*
  - Collins – Seconded
  - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

IX. Adjournment

- Collins – Motion to Adjourn
  - Robin – Seconded
  - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:12am; Duration of Meeting: approximately 38 min.

*Minutes submitted by Ty Lindsey, LDWF Biologist*

*\*The OTF met later the same day as scheduled and set Monday, February 10, 2014 as their next meeting date. Therefore, the next Public Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit Appeals Board meeting is scheduled for 10:30am on Monday, February 10, 2014 at the LDWF offices on the UNO campus.*