

PUBLIC OYSTER SEED GROUND VESSEL PERMIT APPEALS BOARD

MINUTES

November 7, 2018

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CHAIRMAN

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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

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November 7, 2018 – 9:30 A.M.
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
LDWF OFFICE IN THE UNO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY BUILDING
2021 LAKESHORE DRIVE, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70122

AGENDA

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Call to order
 - Meeting called to order by Chairman Jakov Jurisic at approximately 9:34am.
- III. Roll Call
 - Shane Bagala – Absent
 - Tracy Collins – Present
 - Dan Coulon – Present
 - Buddy Daisy – Absent
 - Byron Encalade – Absent
 - Jakov Jurisic – Present
 - Brad Robin – Present
 - Sam Slavich – Present
 - Peter Vujnovich, Jr. – Present
- Quorum present.
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - Collins – Motion to Approve
 - Coulon – Seconded
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
- V. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of July 30, 2018
 - Slavich – Motion to Approve
 - Collins – Seconded
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
- VI. Hearing of Deferred Renewal Permit Appeals
 - 1. Mauricio Blanco (not attending)
 - Jurisic said that Blanco was informed at a previous meeting to provide documentation to support his claim of boat damage. He also said Blanco has had many opportunities to present documentation as requested, but has not.
 - Robin – Motion to Defer until the next meeting. If Blanco does not appear at that meeting and/or fails to provide additional documentation concerning damage and repair of the vessel, his appeal will be denied.
 - Slavich – Seconded
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

VII. Hearing of New Renewal and Re-Issuance Permit Appeals

1. Collins Oyster Company (Tracy Collins attending) – LA1472FU
 - Carolina Bourque, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Oyster Program Manager, said that Collins Oyster Company held 2016 permit on their vessel LA1472FU. Wilbert Collins was responsible party for renewing permit. His passing and subsequent legal matters prevented the permit from being renewed. Tracy Collins is now the responsible party for Collins Oysters Co, Inc. and is appealing for renewal.
 - Collins said legal matters are still being worked on, but he was able to complete enough of it to take leadership of Collins Oyster Company.
 - There was some discussion about which appeal type this case fit under. Consensus was it fit under hardship.
 - Robin – Motion to recommend a renewal permit be issued on LA1472FU.
 - Slavich – Seconded
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
2. Collins Oyster Company (Tracy Collins attending) – LA0625WY
 - Bourque said that Wilbert Collins held 2017 permit on his vessel LA0625WY. Tracy Collins has evidence that he can conduct business for Wilbert. Tracy is appealing to have the permit re-issued on the same vessel, but under Collins Oysters Co, Inc., which is the current owner of the vessel.
 - Slavich – Motion to recommend the permit be re-issued.
 - Coulon – Seconded
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
3. Kate Popic (Her son, Evan Popic, attending in her place)
 - Bourque said that this case is a re-issuance for vessel LA7967FT.
 - Jurisic stated that the appeal is a hardship case due to Anton Popic, the previous vessel owner and permit holder, had a serious illness and subsequently passed away.
 - Vujnovich – Motion to recommend the permit be re-issued.
 - Collins – Seconded
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

VIII. Receive Department Response to Special Mailing of Permit Notices

- Bourque said special handling of permit renewal notices would involve considerable time and cost to the Department.
- Board members expressed that the request was for those permit holders that had not renewed their permits by a certain date each year.

- Slavich – Motion to request Department send certified renewal notices to those permit holders who have not renewed their permit by December 1st of the year after the permit was issued (i.e. the following year).
[Unable to discern a second to the motion from audio; a “second” seems to be given by a board member, but the second was not recognized verbally. As such, I cannot identify which Board member that was].
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

IX. Receive public comments

- Slavich talked about putting effort into making the “system” simple. He provided an example of having to contact state and federal agencies to update records on a single boat after his mother passed away.
 - Robin agreed with Slavich and offered his own examples of difficulty in updating licensing and registration records.
 - There was discussion concerning how to go about making changes and the consensus was to use the full Oyster Task Force as a platform.
 - Coulon suggested requesting the Department have an attorney attend the next Public Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit Appeals Board meeting to provide legal guidance on affecting change.
- Jurisic asked the Department to be prepared to discuss the possibility of having a new representative from the entity that appointed Buddy Daisy to the Board.

X. Set next meeting date

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

XI. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:10am; Duration of Meeting: approximately 36 minutes.

Minutes drafted by Ty Lindsey, LDWF Biologist using an audio recording.

*The OTF met later the same day as scheduled and set Tuesday, November 27, 2018 as their next meeting date to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana. Therefore, the next Public Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit Appeals Board meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, November 27, 2018 in New Orleans, Louisiana if needed.