

Alligator Advisory Council Meeting

April 4, 2017

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New Iberia, LA

Council Members Present

Ronald Guy
Randy Moertle
Vic Blanchard
Dwight Savoie
Mike Benge
Barry Wall
Gerald Savoie
Errol Falgout

Others Present

Noel Kinler
Ted Joanen- Miami Corp
Vonnie Savoie- Savoie's Alligator Farm
David Wolf- Walls Gator Farm
Archie Domangue- Apache
Chad Courville- Miami
Andre Neto- RTL
Christophe Daras- RTL

Council Members Absent

Al Marmande

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Buddy Baker
Edmond Mouton
Tanya Sturman
Amity Bass
Ruth Elsey
Jeb Linscombe
Mike Dupuis
Angela Guidry

Motion made by Gerald Savoie to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2017 AAC meeting. Vic Blanchard seconded. Motion carried.

RFP and Contract Updates- Edmond Mouton

Edmond Mouton explained that the marketing committee appointed by the council at the last meeting met and developed a scope of service for the marketing RFP. Once the council approves the scope for the marketing RFP, then it will be incorporated into the RFP template. The marketing RFP and the policy advisor RFP would be published at the same time.

The IACTS contract has been signed and will now be sent to the Office of State Procurement for approval.

Marketing RFP Consideration

Vic Blanchard said that the marketing committee had met twice since the last AAC meeting. Al Marmande, Ronald Guy, and Vic Blanchard met with Mark Staton to discuss marketing ideas. They believe that the focus should be on the national market. Vic Blanchard, Gerald Savoie, and Ronald Guy then met with Edmond Mouton and Tanya Sturman to draft the scope of service. Vic Blanchard went through the scope of service bullet point by bullet point.

Randy Moertle motioned to approve the scope of service as presented by the marketing committee to develop and advertise an RFP. Errol Falgout seconded. Motion passed.

Amendment to Bylaws Consideration

Mike Benge reviewed the proposed amendment that had been discussed at the February Alligator Advisory Council meeting. The proposed amendment adds the phrase "Pursuant to state law" to Article VII under the heading, Order of Business.

Vic Blanchard motioned accept the amendment to the bylaws. Barry Wall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PowerPoint Projector and Educational Supplies Consideration- Ronald Guy

Ronald Guy said that he does a lot of school presentations and educational events such as Women of the Outdoors and Hunting and Fishing Days. He would like to be able to show a media presentation, a video, or a slide show of photographs at these events. A flat screen would work better in bright light than a projector. He could also use a table top display for charts and graphs. Tanya Sturman mentioned that the vinyl alligators were very popular at the Hunting and Fishing Day event and suggested that they buy those again.

Gerald Savoie offered to pay for the educational materials if the money wasn't in the budget.

Dwight Savoie motioned to spend up to \$2,000 on educational supplies. Vic Blanchard seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Gerald Savoie offered to pick up the difference if the budget went over \$2,000.

Alligator Resource Fund Expenses- Edmond Mouton

Edmond went through a PowerPoint presentation showing the funds generated by the industry and by the department that goes into the Alligator Resource Fund. He also went through the expenses used by the council and the department as part of the alligator program.

Gerald Savoie questioned building up a four-million-dollar surplus. Chad Courville explained that income would be down this year and that the surplus would naturally decrease.

Chad Courville asked if the state government had taken any funds from the Alligator Resource Fund this year. Buddy Baker replied that no funds were taken this year.

Buddy Baker explained that the alligator program expenses are pretty consistent and are close to what the industry contributes to the fund through industry fees. The increase in the surplus has been generated by the department through money earned on state properties. These surplus funds generated by the department will be used to fund a research facility for the lab at Rockefeller refuge.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Motion made by Randy Moertle to adjourn. Vic Blanchard seconded. Motion carried unanimously.