**Oyster Lease Damage Evaluation Board Meeting**

**Thursday, February 21, 2019**

**Division of Administration Law**

**1020 Florida Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA**

**10:00 AM**

*The following constitute minutes of the Oyster Lease Damage Evaluation Board Meeting and are not a verbatim transcript of the proceedings.*

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call by:** Chairman Charles Perrault, Division of Administrative Law

Roll Call

Present

Charles Perrault

Don Briggs

Ralph Pausina

Matthew Slavich

Timothy Allen

Introductions

 James Devitt, Deputy General Counsel, DNR

 Angel Covington, Oyster Lease Board Administrator, DNR

Karl Morgan, Certifies Oyster Lease Biologists, OCM Permits Administrator, DNR

Tanya Hamilton, Division of Administration Law

1. **Approval of Prior Minutes from the Past Year**

Minutes from February 22, 2018

Motion to Approve 2018 Minutes by Ralph Pausina

Second by Matthew Slavich

No objections

1. **Certification and Recertification of Oyster Biologists**

New Certifications

Kelly Gonzales

Motion to accept new certification by Don Briggs.

Second by Timothy Allen

1 objection by Ralph Pausina

Vote: 3 objections; 2 approvals

Recertification of Biologists

Gregory Badon

Edwin Cake, Jr.

John Cirino

Billy Culpepper

Dakota Dagenhardt- present

Aaron Dugas

Ronnie Duke- present

Mark Gagliano

Nicholas Gaspard

Martin Heaney

David Hebert

Read Hendon

H. Dickson Hoese

Gabriel Johnson

Paul LeBlanc, III

Jude LeDoux

Tyler Ortego

Scott Porter

Michael Rayle

Sarah Roy

Adam Trahan- present

Brady Trahan

Motion to accept recertification’s by Ralph Pausina

Second by Don Briggs

Mr. Perrault stated with no objections all of the biologists have been recertified for the following year.

1. **Old Business**

No old business.

1. **New Business**

**Proposal of adding a fee for Biologists (new & renewals)**

Motion to discuss adding fee by Ralph Pausina

Second by Don Briggs

Fee would be added to recertification/ new applications to compensate DNR employees or good faith payment. Discussion on what approvals would be needed for board to collect payments. Public comment: Dakota Dagenhart stated he would be okay with a fee for expenses. Motion to table till next meeting by Ralph Pausina. Second by Timothy Allen

Discussion of Board’s history and how it came to be.

1. Adjournment by Mr. Perrault

Minutes by Angel Covington, LDNR Office of Coastal Management