

# ***Oyster Lease Damage Evaluation Board***

## ***General Meeting Minutes***

January 24, 2007

### **I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairperson Vivian Guillory called to order the regular meeting of the Oyster Lease Damage Evaluation Board at 9:22 a.m. on January 24, 2007 in the LaBelle Hearing room of the Department of Natural Resources building, Baton Rouge, La.

Chairperson Guillory conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Chairperson Guillory, David Cagnolatti, Ralph Pausina and Mike Voisin.

Chairperson Guillory began the meeting by officially welcoming Mr. David Cagnolatti to the board. Mr. Cagnolatti had been appointed by Governor Blanco to replace Mr. Phil Boydston, who had retired.

### **II. Adoption of Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Voisin to adopt the minutes of the January 06 meeting; seconded by Mr. Pausina; no objection; motion passes.

### **III. Re-certification of All Current Oyster Biologists**

Motion by Mr. Voisin to re-certify all currently certified oyster biologists; seconded by Mr. Cagnolatti; no objection; motion passes.

### **IV. Formal certification of Jude Ledoux**

Jude Ledoux of T Baker Smith, Inc. had been granted temporary certification by Chairperson Guillory pursuant to the authority granted her at the January 2006 meeting. Motion by Mr. Voisin to confirm Jude Ledoux as a certified OLDEB oyster biologist; seconded by Mr. Cagnolatti; no objection; motion passes.

### **V. Randomization of Biologist List for 2007**

Jason Shackelford, LDNR, described the 2006 randomization process using the SAS statistical software package and confirmed that the board wished to use the same process for the 2007 randomization. Once randomized, Mr. Shackelford would email the list to OLDEB members. Motion by Mr. Voisin to use the same process as the previous year; seconded by Mr. Cagnolatti; no objection; motion passes.

### **VI. Old Business**

Chairperson Guillory passed out a spreadsheet of the OLDEB cases. There was discussion on several cases which had been pending for up to 6 years and one case which had been improperly filed. After discussion it was decided that Chairperson Guillory would contact the applicants in order to determine if the cases were still active, and if not, then to request that the applicant withdraw their request for arbitration. After discussion, the board instructed Mr. Shackelford to review OLDEB statutes and regulations to see if there was a mechanism by which the OLDEB could terminate a case for lack of due diligence.

**VII. New Business**

none

**VIII. Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Voisin to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Pausina; no objection; motion passes. Chairperson Guillory adjourned the meeting at 9:46 am.

Minutes submitted by: Jason Shackelford, Department of Natural Resources

Minutes approved by: Pending

Original transcripts attached