**LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION**

**Minutes:  February 12, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission was held on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Lockport Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dean Savoie. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Roll Call:** Present – Vincent Guillory, Jeffrey Bacon and Dean Savoie. Absent – Oray Savoie and Brett Bascle.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Jeffrey Bacon to approve the minutes as presented. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon and Vincent Guillory; no - none. Motion approved.

**Adoption of Agenda:**  A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Jeffrey Bacon to approve the agenda. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon and Vincent Guillory; no - none. Motion approved.

**Secretary Report:**  The following was accomplished: checked mail box, copied and assembled meeting paperwork (agenda, minutes, financial report, etc.), submitted minutes for publication in Daily Comet, sent minutes and agenda to Parish clerk, paid monthly bills, paid fourth quarter taxes, mailed postcards to Commission members, balanced checking account, recorded camp sales, collected and deposited shortage on alligator monies, sent out annual lease notices, collected and deposited annual lease payments, and took calls from several lease owners regarding questions about their lease.

**Approval of Financial Report:** A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Jeffrey Bacon to accept the January financial report. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon and Vincent Guillory; no - none. Motion approved.

**Public Input:**  None.

**Presentation on Lake Fields Water Quality Study:** Joe Dantin, formerly with BTNEP, provided information to the Commission concerning a BTNEP water quality study of Lake Fields and adjacent watershed. Water quality and clarity improved after the cooperative Commission / North Lafourche Levee District project to dredge lower Bayou Folse to facilitate degraded upper watershed flow around rather than through Lake Fields. However, he pointed out a need for future restoration projects to preserve the benefits to Lake Fields water quality and submergent aquatic vegetation. Vincent Guillory stated that the Commission has submitted a restoration project for state funding that would address those concerns but no response has been received from the funding agency.

**Designation of Commission as State Board:** Chairman Dean Savoie notified the board that he has been in touch with State representative Jerry Gisclair about this issue. Mr. Gislcair submitted a letter to Daniel Henry (lead attorney for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries) on January 10, and no response has been received. Mr. Savoie indicated that he will check on the status of the correspondence.

**Camp Lease Site Selection Field Trip:** Topic was tabled to a future meeting when all board members are present to discuss date.

**Lake Fields and Watershed Project Proposals:** Board member Vincent Guillory notified the Commission that we are still awaiting an answer from the state funding agency concerning project approval.

**Proposed Parish Council Resolutions:** Board member Vincent Guillory earlier contacted Parish representative Armand Autin about these topics and was informed that both the five hundred feet hunting restrictions and the reduction of board members should be presented in resolution form. A formal resolution regarding the hunting restriction zone was submitted by Vincent Guillory and submitted for approval. Due to the unresolved issue concerning whether the Commission is a Parish or State board, the Commission will refrain from moving forward until a decision is made.

**Abandoned Lake Fields Drilling Structure:** A motion was made by Jeffrey Bacon to contact DNR to place this unmarked structure under the orphan program and seconded by Vincent Guillory. Voting yes- Jeffrey Bacon and Vincent Guillory; no - none. Motion approved.

**Other Business:**

Commission Training/Ethics Meeting:Chairman Dean Savoie notified the Commission of a Parish sponsored training on February 26, 2018, at 6pm, located at Central Lafourche High School. All members should be in attendance; additionally, annual ethics training is required of all Parish board and commission members.

**Adjournment:**A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Jeffrey Bacon to adjourn the meeting.  Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon and Vincent Guillory; no – none. Motion approved.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 12, 2018.

Dean Savoie

Chairman

Shontelle Cockerham

Secretary