**LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION**

**Minutes:  March 12, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission was held on Monday, March 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, Oray Savoie and Brett Bascle. Absent - None.

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

**Adoption of Agenda:**  A motion was made by Brett Bascle and seconded by Vincent Guillory to approve the agenda. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon, Oray Savoie, Brett Bascle 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, mailed postcards to Commission members, balanced checking account, collected and deposited annual lease payments, and took calls from several lease owners regarding questions about transferring their lease.

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

**Public Input****:** None.

**Alligator Egg Collection:** Council member Vincent Guillory suggested that instead of a three-year bid the Commission solicit an one year bid due to plummeting prices of alligator eggs, and Oray Savoie recommended that bid notices be sent out to all past bidders and other alligator farmers. A motion was made by Brett Bascle and seconded by Vincent Guillory solicit bids for a one year permit based upon the total number of eggs allowed. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon, Oray Savoie, Brett Bascle, and Vincent Guillory; no – none. Motion approved.

**U.S. Census Bureau Report:** Council member Vincent Guillory notified the board that the census data entry was completed.

**Designation of Commission As A State Board:** Chairman Dean Savoie notified the board that he currently has not heard anything from Representative Jerry Gisclair or the State Attorney Attorney. This topic will be on next month’s agenda.

**Camp Lease Site Selection Field Trip/ Camp Lease Moratorium:** Chairman Dean Savoie proposed to the board that the field trip be planned for a future date when the weather is warmer. At this time, the Commission will inspect potential camp lease properties that are acceptable and will later be made available. Ten leases will be made available once the assessment is made.

**Proposed Parish Council Resolutions:** Board member Vincent Guillory submitted the Commission proposal for waterfowl hunting restrictions in resolution format to the Parish Council as requested, and it was on the Council agenda the week prior to the Commission meeting. One audience member who attended the last Council meeting stated that it was approved. With reference to the other potential resolution reducing Commission membership from seven to five is table because of the uncertainty whether the Commission is a State or Parish board.

**Abandoned Lake Fields Drilling Structure:** Board member Jeffrey Bacon notified the board that he contacted DNR, and an agency person inspected the structure. DNR located the structure and submitted a report stating that the structure was reported to be plugged and abandoned in 1963. DNR also will place the abandoned structure in their abandoned “orphan” program which has no current legal ownership and may later fund the removal of the structure.

**Lake Fields and Watershed Project Proposals:** Board member Vincent Guillory reported that the Lake Fields/Lake Long restoration plan submitted to the Louisiana Trustees oil spill fund was not funded; no other submitted proposals were approved. Funds allocated to this program were transferred to the State Department of Agriculture and Foresty and funds would be restricted to agricultural lands nutrient and ecological issues. Vincent Guillory stated three different Commission restoration project proposals were submitted for funding, in all three cases the funding source did not allocate funds to submitted projects. He further stated that the Commission should commit to a more limited Lake Fields restoration project that could be funded with existing Commission funds; however, before proceeding with an abbreviated Lake Fields restoration plan, reliable cost estimates for each restoration component should be obtained.

**Other Business:**

**Transfer/Sale of Camp Leases:** Several current camp/lease owners presented the council with photos of their camp/lease in order to obtain permission and approval to the sale, transfer, and/or donation of camp leases. Permission was granted by the Council.

**Improvements to Boat Launch:** Board member Brett Bascle notified the Commission that improvements were made to the boat launch. One hundred ton of rocks were delivered and spread to lift the launch and prevent further water from rising into the launch pads.

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

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 9th, 2018.

Dean Savoie

Chairman

Shontelle Cockerham

Secretary