**LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION**

**Minutes:  May 14, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission was held on Monday, May 14, 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 – Jeffrey Bacon, Oray Savoie, Dean Savoie and Brett Bascle. Absent – Vincent Guillory.

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

**Adoption of Agenda:**  A motion was made by Brett Bascle and seconded by Oray Savoie to approve the agenda. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon, Oray Savoie and Brett Bascle; 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, published ad for alligator bids, sent out bid letter to alligator farmers, reassigned lease from Daniel Parks to Travis Freeman, and sent out final notice letters to delinquent lease holders.

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

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

**Alligator Eggs Bid Approval:** This item was tabled to the next meeting as the Commission has not yet received any bids on alligator eggs.

**Designation of Commission As A State Board:** Chairman Dean Savoie notified the board that he has still not heard anything back from the Attorney in regards to this topic of discussion. He will get in touch with State Representative Jerry Gisclair to find out more on this matter.

**Camp Lease Site Selection Field Trip/ Camp Lease Moratorium:** Chairman Dean Savoie discussed possible days for the field trip outing. Final date to be announced at a later meeting.

**Lake Fields Restoration Program:** Chairman Dean Savoie notified the Commission that the latest grant application for funding for a water quality restoration project in Lakes Fields and Long was not funded, however, within the last few days there has been some encouraging restoration news to report. Further discussion will be held regarding this funding opportunity and proposed locations of projects.

**Waterfowl Hunting Restriction Signs:** A motion was made by Brett Bascle and seconded by Jeffery Bacon to acquire a price quote on eight signs to be placed in the surrounding areas used to access Lake Fields/ Lake Long area stating there is to be a five hundred feet hunting restriction from campsites.

**Other Business:**

**Parish Ordiance Proposal Against Commercial Crab Traps:** Commission member Oray Savoie proposed that the board seek out to pass an ordinance to ban commerical crabbing in the Lake Fields/ Lake Long area and to allow recreational crabbing only, which would also help to remove the mass volume of traps that are scattered about obstructing the waterways. Chairman Dean Savoie will contact parish representative Armand Autin to find out the necessary steps to proceed.

**Updated Barataria – Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP) Draft:** The Barataria – Terrebonne National Estuary Program has submitted their updated draft with various priority action plans for public review and is soliciting review comments. The draft is available at <https://ccmp.btnep.net/>. It is recommended that the Commission approve an official response to the proposed action plan document. A motion was made by Brett Bascle and seconded by Jeffery Bacon to approve the official response. Voting yes – Jeffery Bacon, Oray Savoie, and Brett Bascle; no – none. Motion approved.

**Derelict Vessel Removal Program:** Chairman Dean Savoie discussed that the Commission will take into account any and all direlect vessels while on the field trip and will seek further assistance for funding and approval for removal.

**Adjournment:**A motion was made by Brett Bascle and seconded by Jeffery Bacon to adjourn the meeting.  Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon, Oray Savoie amd Brett Bascle; no – none. Motion approved. The next meeting will be on Monday, June 11, 2018.

Dean Savoie

Chairman

Shontelle Cockerham

Secretary