# LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION

**Minutes: March 15, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission was held on Monday March 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., in the Educational Building at the Mathews Methodist Church on Central Lafourche Drive in Mathews.

**Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vince Guillory.

**Roll Call:** Present – Vincent Guillory, Marty Vedros, and John Guidry; absent – Oray Savoie and Jake Cheramie. A legal quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes:** John Guidry moved and Marty Vedros seconded to approve the January 2021 minutes as presented. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Vince Guillory asked for a motion to amend the agenda and add “alligator eggs and tags” to the agenda.  Marty Vedros moved and John Guidry seconded to add “alligator eggs and tags” to the agenda. Voting yes – all; motion passed. John Guidry moved and Marty Vedros seconded to adopt the amended agenda. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Secretary Report:** Secretary Shontelle mentioned that the following was accomplished: paid monthly bills; checked mail; sent minutes and agenda to Clerk of Court; monthly financial report; recorded lease transfers; answered phone calls and emails; and, deposited annual lease fees.

**Approval of Financial Report**: John Guidry moved and Marty Vedros seconded to approve the January and February financial reports as presented. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Business**

**Public Input**: Chairman Vince Guillory asked for public commented for comments separate from the agenda items, and the public would also be allowed comments under specific agenda items.

An individual who will not be identified stated that there was a large honey bee infestation from a camp on lower Bayou Dumar and that the honey bees were moving to nearby camps which could be a safety issue. Chairman Vince Guillory stated that a letter advising the lease holder with the honey bee infestation would be notified and requested to eradicate the bee infestation because of potential safety issues for nearby camp lease holders.

**Alligator Eggs and Tags:** Chairman Vince Guillory stated that an alligator egg permit for three years was issued in 2019 but the permittee did not collect any eggs in 2020 because of reduced market demand for alligators. Additionally, the Commission has not solicited alligator tags for several years because of the extremely low prices of alligator hides.

Chairman Vince Guillory recommend that the alligator tag bids be discussed at the next meeting when more board members are presented. John Guidry moved and Marty Vedros seconded to “defer alligator eggs and tags” until the next Commission meeting. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Future Commission Meetings:** Chairman Vince Guillory stated that the Commission will meet at the Methodist Church Educational Building at 202 Central Lafourche Dr, in Mathews until the Lockport Town Hall meeting room is available and that meetings will be either on the second or third Monday or Tuesday of the month depending on Church usage.

**Maintenance Dredging Permit:** ChairmanVince Guillory stated at earlier meetings that the Camp Canal and Nolan Toups Canalmaintenance dredging permit was approved by the State Department of Natural Resources but not yet by the US Army Corp of Engineers. The Corp is requesting updated drawings of the potential spoil disposal sites. Jake Cheramie was assigned the task of providing the necessary drawings, and will later provide an update.

**Board Member Assignments:** ChairmanVince Guillory mentioned that the paperwork requirements for the Commission was demanding, and would like to involve other board members to inspect camps for sale and other issues in and around Lake Fields and Lake Long. He suggested that Oray Savoie, with assistance from John Guidry and Marty Vedros, coordinate the duties mentioned earlier.

**Commercial Fishing Restrictions:** At the January meeting, a brief discussion was held concerning commercial crabbing and other fishing restrictions and a request was made to add this topic to the next Commission meeting agenda. Chairman Vince Guillory advised that hunting and fishing regulations are under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) or the Louisiana State Legislature, the process is lengthy and involves considerable paper work, and that this agenda item will be discussed at the next Commission meeting when more board members are present.

**Lease Fee Notifications:** Chairman Vince Guillory mentioned thatthe Commission camp lease document states that “camp lease fees are due January 1 for that current year” and that an advance reminder is not required. Consequently, because of the costs involved and labor required, that the Commission will no longer submit registered letters to lease holders reminding them to submit their annual lease payment and that all lease holders will be notified either by email or regular mail about the new policy. Camp lease holders with email addresses will however be reminded about

**Camp Lease Signage:** ChairmanVince Guillory recently inspected all camp leases in Camp Canal and Nolan Toups Canal in regard to appropriate spoil disposal sites for the Commission’s maintenance dredging permit, and while a very high percentage of lease holders had the appropriate block/lot number signage there were some without any signage or signage not visible. The 2017 camp lease document states that “the lessee agrees to display signs containing the lot and block number of the leased property”. Chairman Vince Guillory requested that the Commission notify lease holders either by email or regular mail that appropriate signage is required and any lease holder without a lease sign should notify the Commission and they would be provided such without cost by the Commission. Such signage should also be visible from the front of camps from canal waterways.

**Commission Bylaws Revision:** This agenda item was deferred by Chairman Vince Guillory to the next meeting because of time constraints.

**Other Business:** No discussion.

**Next Meeting / Agenda:** Chairman Vince Guillory stated the next meeting may be in April or May on the second or third Monday at 6:30 pm at the Methodist Church on Central Lafourche Drive in Mathews. Suggested agenda items for the next meeting included alligator egg and tag permits and Commission bylaws.

**Adjournment**

Marty Vedros moved and John Guidry seconded to “ adjourn the meeting. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

Vincent Guillory

Chairman

Shontelle Cockerhan

Secretary