**LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**Minutes Of Public Meeting**

**November 14, 2022, Lockport Town Hall**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phillip Gouaux.

**Roll Call:** Present – Ryan Chouest, Marty Vedros, Phillip Gouaux, Stephen Acosta, Joy Acosta and Donald Lefort; absent – Holly Rome. A legal quorum was present according to Commission bylaws and policies.

**Approval of October Minutes:** Donald Lefortmotioned and Marty Vedros seconded to approve the October minutes as presented. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Marty Vedrosmotioned and Stephen Acosta seconded to approve the agenda. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Secretary’s Report:** Paid monthly bills; checked mail; sent minutes and agenda to Clerk of Court; monthly financial report; recorded lease transfers; answered phone calls and emails; paid third quarter taxes, ordered signage; etc.

**Financial Report:** Stephen Acosta motioned and Marty Vedros seconded to approve the agenda. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Public Input:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux noted that general public comments are welcome and invited the public to speak at podium.

**Business:**

**Resolution for Nutria Contract/Bid:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised commissioners and public that he has spoken with the District Attorney office in regards of how to proceed with the future nutria contract. He was advised to submit a written resolution seeking approval for the board if electing to select a nutria hunter without putting it out in a formal bidding process. Marty Vedros motioned and Stephen Acosta seconded to approve. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Ryan Chouest appointed to manage Lafourche Game and Fish website:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised commissioners and public that newest board member, Ryan Chouest, would like to revise/design an updated website/social media page for the Commission where all minutes, notices and contact information would be easily accessible to public. Ryan will research this further and will update at next meeting.

**Proposed 2023 Budget:** A motion was made by Marty Vedros and seconded by Stephen Acosta to approve the proposed budget. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Electrical Utilities Update:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised that he had contacted SLECA again asking for a possible start date for restoration of utilities. He was told that they are currently acquiring the proper equipment needed to begin. All old electrical poles have been removed. He also advised for lease holders to contact lieutenant governor, Billy Nungesser, to voice their concerns. Will continue to advise on updates.

**2023 Lease Fee email notice/no mailouts:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised the lease holders that the board will email reminders for lease fees due on January 1, 2023. Fees are to be mailed to P.O. Box 215, Lockport, La., 70374.

**Dumpster Update:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised that he had spoken with Rick Ledet about dumpster allocation for lease holders. Rick agreed that a dumpster can and will be accessible to lease holders for disposal of metal debris only. Availability and guidelines will be posted once dumpster delivery is confirmed.

**Other Business:**

**Next Meeting / Agenda:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux stated that the next meeting will be held on December 12th at 6:30 at the Lockport town hall.

**Adjournment:** Marty Vedros motioned to adjourn and Joy Acosta seconded to “adjourn the meeting”. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

Phillip Gouaux

Chairman

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Secretary