**LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**Minutes Of Public Meeting**

**October 10th, 2022, Lockport Town Hall**

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

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

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

**Adoption of Agenda:** Donald Lefortmotioned and Marty Vedros 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; updated commissioner’s info; contacted banks to update assignees; paid Coastal use permit fee; etc.

**Financial Report:** Stephen Acosta motioned and Hollie Rome 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. Several comments were made addressing the continued concerns about tall grass/weeds, etc. Councilman Phillip Gouaux advised that he is in contact with the District Attorney’s office to address these concerns and the legal way of implementing consequences for refusal to comply.

**Business:**

**Camp Lease Document Revision:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux polled the public with the idea of a camp owner’s committee to help with input/info on how to better help the lease holders with the issues taking place in the Lake Long/Lake Fields area. Camp owners voiced their opinion that they are in fact already supplying adequate information to the board to get issues addressed and will continue to do so but did not see a reason to form a “committee”.

**Camp/Storm Debris Cleanup:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised commissioners and public that he will do some research to see if a dumpster could be placed in an area accessible to lease owners to rid of camp/storm debris. He will update pulic of findings at next meeting.

**North Lafourche Drainage District Assistance on Bayou Folse Cleanup:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised that a sweep debris project for cleanup is being considered and he is also researching ways for grant monies for funding of this project.

**Reestablishing of Electrical Utilities:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised that he had contacted SLECA and was told that the Lake Long/Lake Fields area would soon see work in that area on utilities being restored. He will update on the timeline.

**Nutria Contract:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised the Commissioners that the nutria trapping would be put for bid to the public via ad in the local newspaper and by word of mouth. He was advised that the harvesting of the nutria should be handled the same way as alligator harvesting by a sealed bid. The bid notification will be advertised within the next month. A motion was made by Marty Vedros and seconded by Hollie rome to approve. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Other Business:**

**Next Meeting / Agenda:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux stated that the next meeting will be held on November 14th at 6:30 at the Lockport town hall.

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

Phillip Gouaux

Chairman

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Secretary