**LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**Minutes Of Public Meeting**

**May 8th, 2023, 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 – none. A legal quorum was present according to Commission bylaws and policies.

**Approval of March Minutes:** Stephen Acostamotioned and Donald Lefort seconded to approve the March minutes as presented. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Ryan Chouestmotioned 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 first quarter taxes; etc.

**Financial Report:** Marty Vedros motioned and Joy Acosta seconded to approve the financial report. 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:**

**Lease Transfer Revision/Atty Eugene Gouaux:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised the board and public that Attorney Eugene Gouaux was still conferring with District Attorney Lisa Orgeron and the Louisiana Attorney General’s office. He is expecting the new contract will be ready by June meeting.

**Dumpster Update:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux confirmed with the commissioners and public that the dumpster has several lawn mowers that are presently at the dumpster site. The board will try to get this resolved soon. The dumpster will remain on Rick Ledet’s property for as long as its needed.

**North Lafourche Drainagee/Bayou Folse Cleanup:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised the board and the public that he will contact Dwayne Bourgeois to attend next meeting to update the board on this project.

**Discussion with Wildlife and Fisheries (Biologist):** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised the board that he had a discussion with the biologist about the fingerlings and vegetation in the lake. One hundred thousand fingerlings were released in both lakes last month. He spoke about the environment not being conducive to their growth and survival. He agreed to attend a meeting to address the board and the public on this matter.

**Other Business:**

**Ducks Unlimited Funding:** Board member Ryan Chouest requested an update on the funding and/or discussion with Joe Orgeron. Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised that he is in session at the moment. He will also ask that he attend a meeting and advise the board and public on the matter.

**Next Meeting / Agenda:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux stated that the next meeting will be held on June 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