**LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION**

**Minutes:  December 11, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission was held on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Lockport Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vincent Guillory. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Roll Call:** Present – Vincent Guillory, Oray Savoie, Brett Bascle, Jeffrey Bacon, and Dean Savoie. Absent - none.

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

**Adoption of Agenda:**  A motion was made by Oray Savoie and seconded by Dean Savoie to approve the agenda. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon, Dean Savoie, Oray Savoie, and Brett Bascle; no - none.

**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, deposited alligator tag monies, paid third quarter taxes, emailed postcards to Commission members, balanced checking account, took call about camp and lease going up for sale, handled name changes on bank account, and prepared final 2018 budget proposal.

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

**Public Input:**  None.

**New Board Member:** Chairman Vincent Guillory notified the Board of the newly appointed Commission member. Mr. Jeffrey Bacon was introduced to the Board as the fifth Council member.

**Designation of Commission as State Board:** Chairman Vincent Guillory reminded the Board that as of the October meeting, we were deemed a State Board by the Division of Administration (DOA) and subject to various State mandates. Requested information about the Commission, budgets, agendas, minutes were entered on a DOA web site. The Commission all agreed that the preference would be to be a parish board. The Chairman indicated that he would prepare an email to advise the Parish Council and Parish President about the new state designation, and allow the Commission to review the email prior to submission.

**Restoration Plan Update:**Chairman Vincent Guillory notified the Commission that several months ago letters were submitted to local engineering/environmental firms concerning proposed work to provide preliminary data needed for later state coastal use permit applications and cost estimates for the proposed restoration project components. Two firms indicated that they were interested. Shortly after, Mr. Guillory was notified that a decision would be made in early 2018 concerning a submitted grant application for funds for a Lake Fields/Lake Long quality restoration project. Mr. Guillory advised the Board that the Commission should delay funding the preliminary work until a decision was made about the grant application.

**Oil and Gas Abandoned Structure:** ChairmanVincent Guillory notified the Commission that a letter was received from Helis Oil and Gas concerning the abandoned structure in northwest Lake Fields. The Company initially assumed responsibility, but now are stating that it does not belong to them but to another Oil Company. The Commission will follow up on this.

**Camp Lease Moratorium Cancellation:**As requested at the October meeting, Brett Bascle and Oray Savoie inspected Lake Fields for potential new camp leases. Dean Savoie motioned to add ten new camp leases, and Oray Savoie seconded; motion carried. Brett Bascle motioned to cancel the moratorium and Dean Savoie seconded. Voting yes - Jeffery Bacon, Dean Savoie, Oray Savoie, and Brett Bascle; no- none. Mr. Guillory suggested that mentioned another field trip be made to re-access potential camp lease sites.

**Requests to Parish Council (Waterfowl Hunting Restriction Around Camps/Number of Board Member:** Chairman Vincent Guillory mentioned that the Commission had earlier submitted requests to the Parish Council about support for reducing the number of Commission members from seven to five and to also implement a waterfowl hunting restriction around Lake Fields camps. Mr. Guillory was recently told to submit the requests again as a formal resolution along with copies of the minutes which approved the motion. Mr. Guillory will respond with the requested information.

**Budget:** Chairman Vincent Guillory presented the final proposed Commission budget for 2018.

**Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman:** A motion was made by Oray Savoie to nominate Dean Savoie as Chairman and Jeffrey Bacon seconded. Voting yes - Jeffery Bacon, Dean Savoie, Oray Savoie, and Brett Bascle. No- none. A second motion was made by Brett Bascle to nominate himself; motion failed for lack of a second. A motion was made by Oray Savoie to nominate Vincent Guillory as Vice-Chairman and Dean Savoie seconded. Voting yes - Jeffery Bacon, Dean Savoie, Oray Savoie, and Brett Bascle; no- none.

**Other Business:**

**Adjournment:**A motion was made by Brett Bascle and seconded by Oray Savoie to adjourn the meeting.  Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon, Dean Savoie, Brett Bascle and Oray Savoie; no – none.

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 8, 2018.

Vincent Guillory, Chairman

Shontelle Cockerham, Secretary