**LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION**

**Minutes:  December 10, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission was held on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Lockport Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Vincent Guillory. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Roll Call:** Present – Vincent Guillory, Brett Bascle and Jeffery Bacon. Absent – Oray Savoie.

**Approval of October and November Minutes:** A motion was made by Brett Bascle and seconded by Jeffery Bacon to approve the minutes as amended. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon and Brett Bascle; no - none. Motion approved.

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

**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, mailed postcards to Commission members and balanced checking account.

**Approval of Financial Report:** A motion was made by Brett Bascle and seconded by Jeffery Bacon to approve the financial report. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon and Brett Bascle; no - none. Motion approved.

**Public Input****:** A camp lease owner suggested to the board that cameras be installed at specific areas in the Lake Fields area and camp canal to possibly prevent future break ins at campsites. The board agreed to check the costs and discuss this at next meeting.

**Business**

**Camp Canal Shooting Incident:** A night-time shooting incident in was reported to the board by a commercial fisherman who was running catfish lines in Butch Hill Canal; the fishermen observed gun fire into the canal. He notified the sheriff’s office and the board is awaiting the incident report before taking any action.

**2019 Commission Budget Approval:** A motion was made by Jeffery Bacon and seconded by Brett Bascle to approve the budget. Voting yes – Jeffery Bacon and Brett Bascle; no – none. Motion approved.

**State Legislation To Designate Commission As A Parish Board:** Acting Chairman Vincent Guillory informed the Commission that a formal resolution was submitted to the Lafourche Council after the special November meeting and that the Parish Council approved the resolution in early December. The suggested language for the state legislation was submitted to all board members earlier but no action was taken because no one had reviewed the proposal. Acting Chairman Vincent Guillory stated that if the Commission has any suggestions on the bill language it must be made at the January meeting because Representative Jerry Gisclair, who will sponsor the bill, requested that our input be received in January.

**NFWF Restoration Proposal/ State CUP Application:** Board member Vincent Guillory notified the board that the Lake Fields / Lake Long restoration project proposal was not funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. He requested approval from the board to solicit bids from engineering firms to apply for necessary coastal use permits to complete the Lake Fields / Lake Long restoration project. A motion was made by Jeffery Bacon and seconded by Brett Bascle for the Commission to submit a public notice to apply for coastal use permits for the Lake Fields / Lake Long restoration project. Voting yes – Jeffery Bacon and Brett Bascle; no – none. Motion approved.

**Commercial Lease Legal Opinion:** A motion was made by Jeffery Bacon and seconded by Brett Bascle to request a legal opinion from the District Attorney’s office regarding a commercial lease on state lands that includes mooring a commercial barge. Voting yes – Jeffery Bacon and Brett Bascle; no – none. Motion approved.

**Lake Fields Cleanup:** Acting chairman Vincent Guillory notified the board that he had discussed with Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary Program personnel that Lake Fields be included in their annual spring Bayou Lafourche clean up and that dumpsters be available at the Company Canal Lockport boat launch. There are some issues such as available volunteers would not be available; the topic was tabled to a later date.

**Camp Lease Lottery Lots:** Acting chairman Vincent Guillory notified the board that he had an updated list of lease camp lots and potentially available future camp leases. He suggested that a field trip by board members to taken to pick potential camp lease lots and also to discuss specifics about the CUP’s such as widths and lengths of the proposed Lake Fields / Lake Long restoration project channel constriction / shoreline stabilization sites.

**Adjournment:**A motion was made by Jeffery Bacon and seconded by Brett Bascle to adjourn the meeting.  Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon and Brett Bascle; no - none. Motion approved.

Vincent Guillory

Vice Chairman

Shontelle Dufrene

Secretary