**LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION**

**Minutes:  May 13, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission was held on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Lockport Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Bacon. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Roll Call:** Present – Oray Savoie, Jeff Bacon and Vincent Guillory. Absent – Ryan Callais. A legal quorum as defined by Commission bylaws was present.

**Adoption of Agenda:** A motion was made by Oray Savoie and seconded by Vincent Guillory to approve the agenda. Voting yes – Oray Savoie and Vincent Guillory; no – none. Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Oray Savoie to approve the April board meeting minutes as presented. Voting yes – Oray Savoie and Vincent Guillory; 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, balanced checking account, worked on reassignment of leases, collected and deposited late lease payments, paid first quarter taxes, sent out alligator bids to farmers and published bid in paper.

**Approval of Financial Report:** A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Oray Savoie to approve financial report. Voting yes – Oray Savoie and Vincent Guillory; no – none. Motion approved.

**Public Input:**  There was no public input.

**Business**

**Alligator Tag and Egg Collection Bids:** A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Oray Savoie to accept the incoming bid from C and M Gator farms for the next three years on harvesting of the alligator eggs. Voting yes – Oray Savoie and Vincent Guillory; no – none. Motion approved. After a discussion about whether or not to utilize the Commission’s alligator tags, Oray Savoie moved that the Commission do not use their alligator tags in 2019 because of the low hide prices and Vincent Guillory seconded. Voting yes – Oray Savoie and Vincent Guillory; no – none. Motion approved.

**Delinquent Camp Lease Fees:** Shontelle Dufrene notified the Commission that all 2019 camp lease fees were paid.

**Commission Member Resignation Letter:** A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Oray Savoie for chairman Jeffery Bacon to compose an email to be sent to Kelli Toups informing her of the resignation of Brett Bascle and that the board had not received any official termination letter. The board is asking the council to please proceed with the termination so that the seat may become available to fill. Voting yes – Oray Savoie and Vincent Guillory; no – none. Motion approved.

**Restoration Project Update:** Vincent Guillory informed the board that a draft cooperative agreement with Duck’s Unlimited to apply for Coastal Use Permits for a Lake Fields / Lake Long hydrological restoration project has been submitted; however, no response has been received. Ducks Unlimited has also agreed to submit grant applications for Lake Fields and Lake Long restoration projects. Lafourche Parish government will be submitting a funding request to the Parish Council to provide $100,000 for a Lake Fields restoration project.

**Florida Largemouth Bass Stockings:** Vincent Guillory notified the Commission that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries released 150,000 fry in Lake Fields and 100,000 fry in Lake Long.

**Other Business:**

**Camp Owners to be Allowed on Board:** A discussion took place about board member attendance at meetings. Oray Savoie motioned that the board to request another legal opinion that camp lease holders be allowed to serve on the board and Vincent Guillory seconded. Vincent Guillory stated that the Commission had already requested a second legal opinion from the District Attorney if a camp lease holder could serve on the board, and the response was no. Voting yes – Oray Savoie; no – Vincent Guillory. Motion denied.

**Adjournment:**A motion was made by Oray Savoie and seconded by Vincent Guillory to adjourn the meeting.  Voting yes – Oray Savoie and Vincent Guillory; no – none. Motion approved.

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 10th, at 6:30 pm at the Town of Lockport building.

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Jeff Bacon, Chairman

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Shontelle Dufrene, Secretary