# LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION

**Minutes: August 8, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission was held on

Monday, August 8, 2016, 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, Josh Champagne, Dean Savoie, Oray Savoie, Brett Bascle and Barry Plaisance; absent – Lloyd Ledet (death in family). A quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Dean Savoie and seconded by Josh Champagne to approve the minutes as presented. Voting yes – Dean Savoie, Josh Champagne, Oray Savoie, Brett Bascle and Barry Plaisance; no – none

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Dean Savoie and seconded by Josh Champagne to approve the agenda as presented. Voting yes – Dean Savoie, Josh Champagne, Oray Savioe, Brett Bascle, and Barry Plaisance; no – none

**Secretary Report**: The following was accomplished: checked mail box daily; transferred and recorded camp sales; copied and assembled meeting paperwork (agenda, minutes, financial report, etc.) for the August meeting; submitted payment to BTNEP for the Lake Fields cleanup; submitted Josh Champagne’s resignation letter to Parish Council; submitted minutes for publication in Daily Comet and minutes and agenda to Parish clerk; deposited the check for the alligator eggs; and, signed the LA Dept of Wildlife and Fisheries alligator hunter license application form for R.J. Molinere.

**Approval of Financial Report**: A motion was made by Dean Savoie and seconded by Barry Plaisance to accept the July financial report. Voting yes —Josh Champagne, Dean Savoie, Oray Savoie, Brett Bascle and Barry Plaisance; no-none

**Public Input**: none.

**Chairman’s Report:** Vince Guillory did the following: approximately three days working on the revised Lake Fields restoration plan and source document to provide the necessary information for a grant application; four hours on Shell Pipeline Coastal Use Permits in the Preserve; three hours drafting a request for a legal opinion about camp owners serving on the Commission; one hour on the updated camp lease document; and, sent three separate emails to lease holders.

**Recent Board Appointments and Vacancies:** Barry Plaisance and Brett Bascle were appointed as members of the Commission, and were asked to introduce themselves to the Commission.

**Legal Opinion Request for Lease Holder Commission Membership:**  Camp lease holder and Parish Councilman Armand Autin talked to District Attorney Cam Morvant regarding lease holder membership on the Commission and was advised that it was a conflict of interest. A motion was made by Dean Savoie and seconded by Josh Champagne to submit a resolution to the District Attorney’s office asking to further review this issue in part because the Commission has had issues with Commission turnover and quorums. Voting yea - Dean Savoie, Josh Champagne, Brett Bascle, Barry Plaisance and Oray Savoie; no-none.

**Shell Pipeline CUPs:** In 2013 Shell Pipeline was granted a State coastal use permit (CUP) to perform work on a pipeline at the Company Canal intersection within the Preserve. The Commission signed an agreement stating that the Commission would be notified when work commenced and if mitigation was required it would be done on the Preserve. The state evaluation was done on Thursday, August 4, 2016. As per our request, the Commission will receive a report of the state evaluation.

Another Shell Pipeline CUP was submitted for additional work within the Preserve. Chairman Vince Guillory contacted the Shell Pipeline representative, and they were not responsive to our requests to notify the Commission when work commenced and to perform mitigation, if required, within the Preserve.

**Camp Lease Violations**: A lease holder reported that an adjacent lease was in violation for tall wograss. Vince Guillory inspected the lease and found that the grass was cut and in compliance with lease requirements. The camp was sold on July 29, 2016.

A field inspection ad-hoc committee was then appointed by Chairman Vince Guillory to: perform field activities such as sign placement, etc.; inspect camps for sale for compliance with Commission, Parish, and State regulations and policies; and, periodically inspect camp leases and the Preserve for potential issues. Members included Chairman Oray Savoie, Barry Plaisance, and Brett Bascle.

**Lake Fields Restoration Project**: Vince Guillory reported that a late August meeting will be held with the Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary Program and other potential partners or sponsors. The Commission earlier agreed to provide matching funds and also to apply for necessary State and Federal permits. Vince Guillory will keep the Commission advised of future developments.

**Tree liability Incorporation Into Lease Document:** Chairman Vince Guilloryrecommend that the tree liability motion approved last month be voided. Dean Savoie moved and Brett Bascle seconded a motion to rescind the earlier motion. Voting yes - Dean Savoie, Oray Savoie, Brett Bascle, Barry Plaisance and Josh Champagne; no – none The Commission agreed that the new 2017 camp lease document should have language absolving the Commission for any liability for falling trees and physical structures.

**2017 Lease Fee and Incorporation into Lease Document:** A heated discussion was held concerning increase camp lease fees. Commission members agreed that the increased camp lease would be dropped as well as the $25 fee for failure to provide an email address.

**Implementation of New Lease Document**: Tabled until next month.

**Vice-Chairman**: Tabled until next month.

**Other Business:** None.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Dean Savoie and seconded by Josh Champagne to adjourn the meeting. Voting yes - Josh Champagne, Dean Savoie, Oray Savoie and Barry Plaisance and Brett Bascle; no – none

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 12, 2016.

Vincent Guillory

Chairman

Anne Thibodeaux

Secretary