# LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION

**March 14, 2016**

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

Monday, March 14, 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, Oray Savoie, Dean Savoie, and Josh Champagne;

Absent – Lloyd Ledet and Rudy Laris.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Dean Savoie and seconded by Josh Champagne to amend the agenda to combine all camp issues with the Brush/ Debris/Violation and move it to second on the agenda. Voting yes — Oray Savoie, Dean Savoie and Josh Champagne; no-none

A motion was made by Dean Savoie and second by Oray Savoie to except the amended agenda.

Voting yes — Oray Savoie, Dean Savoie and Josh Champagne; no-none

**Secretary Report**: The following details were done; checked post office box daily for lease money, posted and deposited monies (all have been paid but three and they have till April 6, 2016 to pay); did paper work for the meeting tonight; posted the notice for the meeting yesterday; went to Signs R US and ordered the 25 signs (they are finished and the cost is $721.25); posted and deposited all lease payments; returned calls about selling a camp; sent Joseph Dantin letter of resignation to the Parish; and, a lady called about a No Wake Zone sign for use in True Blood Canal in Raceland.

**Approval of Financial Report**: A motion was made by Josh Champagne and seconded by Dean Savoie to accept the financial reports for January and February as presented. Voting yes - Oray Savoie, Josh Champagne and Dean Savoie; no – none

**Public Input**: None at this time.

**New Commission Member / Commission Vacancy:** Dean Savoie was introduced as the newest member of the Commission. The Commission is still one member short with the resignation of Joseph Dantin. Vincent Guillory stated that it usually takes several weeks for the vacancy to appear in the Daily Comet, then there will be a notice period, and then the applicant paper work is sent to the Council.

**Brush/Debris Violations:** The Commission has been having an ongoing problem with Mr. Harvey Pertuit concerning brush and debris violations on his lease. Several recent letters were sent but the Commission has had no response, although a receipt was sent back to the Commission indicating that the last letter was received. A short discussion took place concerning hiring someone to clean up the lot and charging the lease holder for the expense. The person interested in the job had not insurance, consequently could not be hired as per Parish policy. Commission members agreed that Mr. Pertuit had been given two recent warning, and if the clean up is not completed by the next meeting, a third letter would be written to cancel the lease. An update will be given at the next meeting.

The second camp issue concerned a dead tree on a lease near the lease boundary that could damage the adjacent camp; part of the tree has fallen already onto the adjacent lease. Commission members agreed that the Commission should not be obligated to cut a dead tree on a camp lot but that adjacent lease holders should work together on such an issue. Vincent Guillory said some language should be added to the draft 10 year lease concerning dead tree responsibilities and liabilities and that this issue would be discussed further at the next meeting.

**Lake Fields Cleanup Project:** Seth Moncrieffof the BTNEP presented their proposal to coordinate the Lake Fields clean up and: organize the recruitment, registration and tracking of volunteers and volunteer hours; provide food and drink, two boats and drivers for volunteers to go out and pick up trash, and door prizes; generate press releases; and, will coordinate the proper disposal of all debris and garbage removed from Lake Fields as well as the ordering of dumpsters for this event. The event will be between 8:30 to 3:30 on April 9, 2016. A motion was made by Oray Savoie and seconded by Josh Champagne for the Commission to accept the written invoice of $18,000 presented by BTNEP. Voting yea; Oray Savoie, Dean Savoie, and Josh Champagne; No-none

**Camp Canal Cuts Closure Project/ Camp Spoil**: Andy LeBoeuf with LeBoeuf Contracting, LLC. and Travis Knight were taken out inspect the location and discuss details for proposed cut closure project work along the east bank of Bayou Folse. Both contractors were contacted by mail and phone about the meeting tonight and asked to submit their formal bids. Mr. LeBoeuf, the only one present, present a written contract stating a $5000.00 mobilization, $4,500 / per day for a minimum of four days; however, he indicated that the work could take more time. A motion was made by Josh Champagne and second by Dean Savoie to accept the proposal and sign the contract presented and allow up to eight days of work. Voting yea; Oray Savoie, Dean Savoie, and Josh Champagne; No-none

**Comprehensive Restoration Project Proposal:** Tabled until next month.

**Preservation Mitigation Projects**: Vincent Guillory reviewed the requirements, costs, and liabilities of a true “mitigation bank” and suggested that the Commission could accomplish the same work by cooperating with coastal agencies that were required to mitigate and also by working with T. Baker Smith, who are soliciting grants for Lake Fields restoration projects.

**Shoreline Restricted Access Corridor Signs**: Oray Savoie agreed to purchase the necessary materials to place the “restricted access corridor signs” along crucial areas in the Lake Fields/Lake Preserve. Oray also indicated that he would pick up the signs from Secretary Anne Thibodeaux’s house.

**Other Business:** Parish Councilman Armand Autin told the Commission that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will be spraying the water hyacinths in Bayou Folse and the Lake Fields area. He also told the Commission that he will check if the Parish had a grant writer that may be of help to the Commission

A motion was made by Dean Savoie and seconded by Oray Savoie to adjourn the meeting.

Voting -yes Oray Savoie, Dean Savoie and Josh Champagne; no – none.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 11, 2016

Vincent Guillory

Chairman

Anne Thibodeaux

Secretary