**LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION**

**Minutes:  June 12, 2017**

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

Monday, June 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Lockport Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barry Plaisance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Roll Call:** Present – Vincent Guillory, Brett Bascle, Barry Plaisance, and Dean Savoie. Absent- Lloyd Ledet and Oray Savoie

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Dean Savoie and seconded by Brett Bascle to approve the minutes as presented. Voting yes – Vincent Guillory, Brett Bascle and Dean Savoie. No – None

**Adoption of Agenda/Secretary Report:**  The following was accomplished: checked mail box, copied and assembled meeting paperwork (agenda, minutes, financial report, etc.) for the June meeting, submitted minutes for publication in Daily Comet, sent minutes and agenda to Parish clerk, paid monthly bills, reassignment of  lease on Leon Richard to Mark Duplantis, sent out postcards to Commission members, balanced checking account, ordered signs for camp owners, acquired information from Capital One about coverage on Game and Fish banking account, sent out alligator bid notice to Daily Comet and past bidders. A motion was made by Brett Bascle and seconded by Vincent Guillory to approve. Voting yes- Vincent Guillory, Dean Savoie and Brett Bascle. No- None

**Approval of Financial Report:** A motion was made by Dean Savoie and seconded by Vincent Guillory to accept the May financial report. Voting yes — Brett Bascle, Dean Savoie and Vincent Guillory.  No-None

**Public Input:**  None.

**Business:**

**Camp Sale (Leon Richard to Mark Duplantis):**Chairman Barry Plaisance notified the Commission that Leon Richard sold his camp to Mark Duplantis. He mentioned that he went inspect the camp on May 26, and that it was in good condition.

**Commission Bank Account:**Chairman Barry Plaisance notified the Commission that after speaking with Capital One bank and Parish Government Officials, our bank account has no cap placed on it due to our tax ID number being the same as the Parish Governments.

**Commission Insurance D & O Quote:**Chairman Barry Plaisance notified the Commission that we received a quote from Duet, Theriot, and Duet that was requested by board member Dean Savoie. The quote received was $4,400.00. He concluded that that quote was much higher than the last quotes received.

**Lake Fields Oil Field Structure:**Chairman Barry Plaisance notified the Commission that he spoke to James with Helis Oil and Gas about the structure in Lake Fields. James said that he will check into it. Barry mentioned that we should send him a letter. A motion was made by Brett Bascle that we should include a picture with the letter, it was seconded by Vincent Guillory. Voting yes — Brett Bascle, Dean Savoie and Vince Guillory.              No - None

**Bass Fry/ Fingerlings Availability:**Chairman Barry Plaisance spoke with Brian Heimann again about the Bass Fry and Fingerlings. He reported that they were short a lot of fish. He also reported that they had a big restocking of a lake in the Monroe area which may have contributed to the shortage. Chairman Barry Plaisance notified the Commission that we are officially on the list to receive every year when in stock. Brett Bascle mentioned that he will check into other hatcheries for prices. Chairman Barry Plaisance agreed with Brett but mentioned that he would prefer some advanced stage fingerlings.

**Commission Field Trip:**Chairman Barry Plaisance suggested a field trip to be held on Friday, June 23rd to check the field out.

**Lease Holder Available Lottery Lots:**Brett Bascle questioned the council on an item on the agenda that spoke of a possible termination of a current camp holder. Chairman Barry Plaisance notified the Commission that the lease remained unpaid as of the January 2017 due date. He also mentioned that several notices were sent out to this lease holder with no response received. Brett Bascle made a motion to the board for an extension on the lease payment and that he would personally contact this lease holder. The Commission agreed to a 30 day extension. If no payment is received by the end of the 30 days, the lease would be terminated. Vincent Guillory seconded the motion. Voting yes — Brett Bascle, Dean Savoie and Vince Guillory.  No - None

**Eagle Scout Fish Habitat Project:**Logan Matherne mentioned to the Commission that he had finished the 10 fish habitats. He explained to the Commission that they would serve as a protective housing for the Fingerlings and Bass Frys that the Commission spoke of earlier. He mentioned that he would be available to accompany the Commission on the field trip scheduled for June 23rd to set them in place. Chairman Barry Plaisance suggested that pictures should be taken and possibly sent in to the Daily Comet for print.

**Alligator Egg Collection:**Chairman Barry Plaisance mentioned that he spoke with Aaron Ledet from Golden Ranch and that they will be marking the areas in Lake Fields for alligator egg collections. Barry mentioned there will be orange flags in those areas and they are not to be removed by anyone.

**Other Business (Added to Agenda):** A motion was made by Vincent Guillory to add items to agenda, it was seconded by Dean Savoie. Voting yes — Brett Bascle, Dean Savoie and Vince Guillory.  No - None

**Overgrown Lease:**Brett Bascle reported to the Commission that there is a campsite that is overgrown. A letter will be sent to the lease holder.

**Reports of Fighting at Campsites:**Chairman Barry Plaisance notified the Commission that there have been reports of fighting at the campsites. He reminded the public that lease holders go to the camp to enjoy themselves and relax and to please refrain from any form of violence.

**Restoration Project:**Vincent Guillory mentioned to the Commission that having the dredging permits would help with applying for funding for the Restoration project. He added that he would like to present the public and the Commission with a slide show at a future meeting to educate them on the project.

**Dredging Permits:**Chairman Barry Plaisance mentioned that the application for the dredging permits are still in the works. He agrees that we need to get help soon with the amount of land that is being loss at an alarming rate.

 **Adjournment:**A motion was made by Dean Savoie and seconded by Brett Bascle to adjourn the meeting.  Voting Yes – Vincent Guillory, Dean Savoie and Brett Bascle. No – None.

The next meeting will be on Monday, July 10, 2017.

Barry Plaisance

Chairman

Shontelle Cockerham

Secretary