**LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION**

**Minutes:  September 11, 2017**

 The regular monthly meeting of the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission was held on Monday, September 11, 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, Oray Savoie, Brett Bascle and Dean Savoie; absent- None.

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

**Adoption of Agenda/Secretary Report:**  The following was accomplished: checked mail box, copied and assembled meeting paperwork (agenda, minutes, financial report, etc.) for the September meeting, submitted minutes for publication in Daily Comet, sent minutes and agenda to Parish clerk, paid monthly bills, recorded reassignment of  lease on Terry Dufrene to Timothy Boudreaux, sent out postcards to Commission members, balanced checking account and deposited check from Golden Ranch for alligator egg harvests.

**Approval of Financial Report:** A motion was made by Brett Bascle and seconded by Dean Savoie to accept the August financial report. Voting yes - Dean Savoie, Oray Savoie and Brett Bascle;  No - None. Motion approved.

**Public Input:**  Public commented on problems with the public boat launch. The Commission instructed him to talk with the Parish council about this ongoing problem.

**Business:**

**BTNEP Bayou Folse Water Quality Monitoring:**Andrew Barron, BTNEP water quality coordinator, presented results of the joint BTNEP/LDEQ water quality monitoring project in the Bayou Folse watershed.

**Bayou Folse Watershed Project Proposals:** Chairman Vincent Guillory mentioned three project proposals for state funding, which included the Commission Lake Fields/Lake Long water quality restoration project, the NCRS agricultural runoff nutrient reduction project, and the LDEQ residential home sewage improvement project.

**Restoration Plan Engineering Bid Notices:**Chairman Vincent Guillory reported that bid notices were submitted to 6 engineering firms for preliminary survey, engineering, and cost estimates, for various Lake Fields and Lake Long restoration projects. The notice requested whether or not the firms were interested in submitting a cost estimate and if there were any questions. Interested firms would be mailed a formal bid estimate.

**Reconsideration of 300 Yard Hunting Restriction Around Camps:** Chairman Vincent Guillory reported that at the last meeting a motion was voted on that no waterfowl hunting be allowed within 300 yards of any camp. However, upon reviewing many states had such restrictions between 300 to 500 feet. In addition, there is a parish ordinance (Sec. 26.2 in Council District 7, which includes Lake Long but not Lake Fields) that restricts waterfowl hunting within 500 feet of residences. For this to be approved, the Board would have to get it to pass as a parish ordinance. A motion was made by Dean Savoie and seconded by Brett Bascle to approve a 500 feet restriction. Voting Yes- Dean Savoie, Oray Savoie and Brett Bascle. No-None. Motion approved.

**Number of Board Members:** Chairman Vincent Guillory reported there was interest within the Parish Council to reduce Commission members from seven to five. Because of recent turnover within the Commission, this proposal could be adopted without any loss of current members. A motion was made by Dean Savoie to reduce the Board to five members, seconded by Brett Bascle. Voting Yes- Dean Savoie, Oray Savoie and Brett Bascle. No- None.

**Helis Oil and Gas Abandoned Structure:** ChairmanVincent Guillory reported that at the last meeting, Helis Oil and Gas Company accepted responsibility for the abandoned oil field structure located in the Northwest portion of Lake Fields and that they would remove the structure; however, they are needing coordinates. Board member Brett Bascle offered to provide. Once coordinates are reported, a letter will be typed up and sent in to Helis Oil and Gas.

**Tall Grass Violations:**Chairman Vincent Guillory asked any Board members that are in the field to provide lot numbers of any lease holders violating the tall grass ordinance. Board member Brett Bascle said that he will be in the field within the next few days and would provide this information to the Board.

**Other:**

**Chairman Seat Up For Re-Election:** Board member Brett Bascle announced to the Commission that he would like to nominate himself for the upcoming re-election for Chairman. Current Chairman Vincent Guillory notified him that this will not take place until the new year.

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

The next meeting will be on Monday, October 9, 2017.

Vincent Guillory

Chairman

Shontelle Cockerham

Secretary