

**Summary of the Fur Advisory Council Meeting
May 1, 2013
New Iberia, Louisiana**

Council Present

Archie Domangue
Frank Ellender
Tony Howard
Charles Pettefer, Jr.
James Gallaspy
Allan Ensminger
Judge Edwards
John Linzay
Steve Hughes

LDWF Presence

Tanya Sturman
Edmond Mouton
Buddy Baker
Bob Love

Frank thanked Sam Smith for his time on the Council.

Archie nominated Frank for Chairman. John seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Judge nominated Tony for Vice Chairman. Archie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Fur Marketing Proposal

Edmond explained the RFP process and the evaluation of the proposal. The only proposal submitted was from Michael Consiglio. The review committee made a suggestion to reduce the original proposal by \$54,642. Judge said that he was concerned about locking out those other two shows for a three year period. Buddy said that if the need arises to go to another show that the Council could do a contract for another show. Archie said that he felt like Hatem is already working at the Turkish fair and he didn't want to compete with him. If we go and participate in his booth, then the Council is promoting Hatem's business.

Judge motioned to approve the contract with the revised budget of \$280,700. Archie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jimmy motioned to approve the minutes from the February 5 meeting. Archie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Judge said that he'd like to see blankets made from Louisiana fur, not just coats. Danny said that he is selling felt out of beaver. Danny said nutria does well for felt, but the prices aren't high enough to get the trapper to bring in the nutria. Edmond mentioned the Trappers Convention and the education program with fur quality and grading. Tony talked about the education at the Trappers Convention. Helmut Rothe showed Louisiana furs at the Trappers Convention and pointed out various flaws in the pelts that effect grading. The Council discussed education that would benefit the growth of the industry such as skinning workshops or videos. John asked about CITES tags. The New Iberia office is currently the only office that issues the tags.

Jimmy motioned to adjourn. Tony seconded. Motion carried unanimously.