**Minutes for February 2, 2011**

**LA CRAWFISH PROMOTION & RESEARCH BOARD**

**NOAA ESTUARIJNE HABITATS AND COSTAL FISHERIES CENTER**

**700 CAJUNDOME BLVD.**

**LAFAYETTE, LA**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Ralph Babin called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

MEMBERS PRESENT MEMBERS ABSENT

Jody Meche Fran Stroud

Mike Bienvenu Rudy Sparks

David Savoy Greg Benhard

Greg Faulk Wayne Romig

Bill Pizzolato

Robert Buller

Wylie Jewell

Ralph Babin

Mike Maenza

**DELCARATION OF A QUORUM:**

 Chairman Babin declared the presence of a quorum with 9 members present and 4 members absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION BY**: Jody Meche and seconded by Willie Jewell to approve the minutes presented for October 13, 2010. Motion Carried.

**COLLECTIONS:**

Chairman Babin called on the Department of Agriculture to present the collections report. No one was present from the LDAF to present the collections report.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Chairman Babin called on Dr. Ron Harrell to present the financial report. He reported the board the current condition of accounts.

**MOTION BY:** Jody Meche and seconded by Mike Bienvenu to except the financial report. Motion Carried.

 **BOARD BUSINESS:**

Chairman Babin read the letter of resignation from Fran Stroud, and asked the members of the LCFA to provide the commissioner with the possible replacement of Fran Stroud.

**MOTION BY:** Jody Meche and seconded by David Savoy to pay the director contracted at the October 13, 2010 meeting $6,000.00 every 6 months plus reimbursements of expenses on receipts cleared by the chairman. Contract will be performance based. Motion Carried.

 **MOTION BY:** Mike Bienvenu and seconded by Jody Meche to enter into an agreement with Mr. Al Oliver to manage the boards web site (crawfish.org). The board will fund a $2000.00 set fee and an additional $300.00 per month for one year’s web site maintenance. Greg Faulk will act as the liaison between Mr. Oliver and the Director. Motion Carried.

**Motion BY**: Jody Meche and seconded by Mike Maenza to have the director get a phone number for the board that will be displayed on the web site. Motion Carried.

**Promotions:**

**MOTION BY:** Mike Bienvenu and second by Jody Meche to fund the promotional efforts of the LCFA at $40,000.00 for the Louisiana Crawfish Farmers Association The board requires a quarterly report to the board. Motion Carried

**Motion By:** Greg Faulk and seconded by Robert Buller to fund $15,000.00 for the LCPA-West yearly promotions. The board requires the LCPA-West to provide a quarterly report to the board. Motion Carried.

**Research:**

**MOTION BY:** David Savoy and second by Mike Bienvenu to fund $50,000.00 for the research project of Dr. Lucina Lampila in the pursuit of automated processing. Motion Carried

**Motion By:** Mike Bienvenu and seconded by Greg Faulk to fund $1,000.00 to the LSU Ag Center for their educational efforts through the Ag. Magic project. Motion Carried

**Motion BY:** Mike Bienvenu and seconded by Wyile Jewell to fund a $2,000.00 for the combined promotion with the seafood board. Motion Carried.

**No public comment:**

 Date set for next meeting is June 8, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. at same place in Lafayette.

**MOTION BY:** Jody Meche and seconded by David Savoy to Adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.