**Minutes for August 21, 2013**

**LA CRAWFISH PROMOTION & RESEARCH BOARD**

**NOAA 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**

Ralph Babin Wylie Jewell

Chandra Scarber Bill Pizzolato

David Savoy Kip Lastrapes

Jody Meche

Greg Faulk

Mike Bienvenu

Robert Buller

Wayne Romig

Greg Benhard

**DELCARATION OF A QUORUM:**

Chairman Babin declared the presence of a quorum with 9 members present and 3 members absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION BY**: Jody Meche and seconded by Robert Buller to approve the minutes as presented for June 19, 2013. Motion Carried.

**COLLECTIONS & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Chairman Babin called on Director Ron Harrell to present the collections and financial reports. He reported the board the current condition of accounts.

**MOTION BY:** Jody Meche seconded by Wayne Romig to except the financial report as presented. Motion Carried.

**Promotions & Research:**

Louisiana Farm Bureau made a request for the board to approve another year funding for the Holly Clegg Cooking Show for $5,000.

**MOTION BY:** Greg Faulk and seconded David Savoy to fund the request for $5,000.00 for an additional year. Motion Carried.

LSU requested $1,000.00 for the Ag. Magic educational Program.

**Motion By:** Greg Faulk and seconded by Greg Benhard to provide $1,000.00 to LSU for the continuation of the children educational promotion effort. Motion Carried

The board also asked the director to look into setting up a possible foundation for the Moby Crawfish color book to provide a permanent funding source for Mrs. Scallan children’s promotion.

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

The board discussed the proposals sent by Dr. Greg Lutz for consideration. The board had a lengthy discussion on the proposals the first was on white crawfish removal but the board decide the economics of the project wasn’t viable. The board asked the director to request Dr. Lutz to adjust the proposal to have a possible result that would have an economically viable conclusion so to be able to put into an industry practice. Flat head catfish is not viable and the board had suggested shoepic fish.

The second proposal was addressing an alternative food source for crawfish ponds. Dr. Lutz requested funding for Bull Tongue and Maiden Cane. After the board discussed the proposal they didn’t want Maiden Cane project. They also had concern about the high cost of student labor. The board asked Dr. Lutz to address the concerns of the board and present them at the next meeting.

The Director provided his report; he gave an update on the automated processing project.

The director supplied all board members with a new CD of the board records.

The director provided a copy of the recommended budget for board consideration.

With a projected budget income of $125,000.00, with

50% for out of State Promotion $62,500.00

20% for in State Promotion $25,000.00

20% for Research $25,000.00,

10% for Administration $12,500.00

**Motion By:** David Savoy and seconded by Robert Buller to adopt the budget presented. Motion Carried.

The director requested travel expense funds go to Memphis and Dallas.

**Motion By:** Jody Meche and seconded by Chandra Scarber to provide $2,500.00 for travel expenses. Motion Carried.

Discussion about the board’s logo, they reviewed a proposal for logo design. They elected to not to fund this project. They decided to have a contest with UL art students offering $1,000.00 for first prize and $100.00 for the 10 second places to be property of the board.

**Motion By:** Mike Bienvenuand seconded byChandra Scarber to pay the $2,000.00 for a logo art contest. Motion Carried.

**No public comment:**

Date set for next meeting is Wednesday November 13, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. at Deane’s Restaurant in the French Quarter meeting room in New Orleans.

**MOTION BY:** Jody Meche and seconded Mike Bienvenu by to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.