**LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**Minutes Of Public Meeting December 12, 2022, Lockport Town Hall**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phillip Gouaux.

**Roll Call:** Present – Ryan Chouest, Phillip Gouaux, Stephen Acosta, Joy Acosta and Donald Lefort; absent – Marty Vedros and Holly Rome. A legal quorum was present according to Commission bylaws and policies.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Steve Acostamotioned and Donald Lefort seconded to approve the agenda. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Deviation from Original Agenda:** A motion was made by Stephen Acosta and seconded by Joy Acosta to deviate from original agenda. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Business:**

**Ducks Unlimited Presentation:** Representatives Scott Graham and Leslie Suazo presented past findings and future recommendations to the commission regarding moving forward with conservation and preservation ideas for the restoration of land and water projects. They also advised that permits have been approved and have an approval time of around five years. Slides were presented showing the options available and funding estimates.

**State Representative Joe Orgeron:** Joe Orgeron addressed the commission about funding that may be available for the presented restoration projects. He advised that he will reach out to several different organizations to see what is needed to be considered for approval.

**Motion to Proceed with Original Agenda:** A motion was made by Donald Lefort and seconded by Stephen Acosta to proceed with original agenda items. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Approval of November Minutes:** Ryan Chouestmotioned and Donald Lefort seconded to approve the November minutes as presented. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Secretary’s Report:** Paid monthly bills; checked mail; sent minutes and agenda to Clerk of Court; monthly financial report; recorded lease transfers; answered phone calls and emails; paid third quarter taxes, ordered signage; etc.

**Financial Report:** Stephen Acosta motioned and Joy Acosta seconded to approve the agenda. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

**Public Input:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux noted that general public comments are welcome and invited the public to speak at podium.

**Business:**

**Camp Utilities Update:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised commissioners and public that this is still ongoing and nothing further to update.

**Lease Agreement Update:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised commissioners and public that this is still in process and will only apply to new lease owners.

**Dumpster Update:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised commissioners and public that the dumpster has been approved for metal debris only with an delivery estimation date of March 2023. The location will be on property owned by Richard Ledet.

**North Lafourche Levee Update:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised the current Bayou Folse project is North Bayou Folse. He extended an invitation for board members and public to attend the upcoming meeting for support. He will inquire about receiving help with a hurricane debris sweep.

**Alligator Hide Funds:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised that payment has been received and will be reviewed for accuracy.

**Other Business:**

**Resignation:** Secretary Shontelle Dufrene advised the commission that board member Holly Rome has submitted her resignation.

**Nuisance Nutria Hunter:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux advised that Brandon Griffin has been appointed to trap the nuisance nutria in both the Lake Long and Lake Fields area for the 2023 nutria season.

**Next Meeting / Agenda:** Chairman Phillip Gouaux stated that the next meeting will be held on January 9th at 6:30 at the Lockport town hall.

**Adjournment:** Joy Acosta motioned to adjourn and Stephen Acosta seconded to “adjourn the meeting”. Voting yes – all; motion passed.

Phillip Gouaux

Chairman

Shontelle Dufrene

Secretary