**LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION**

**Minutes:  August 13, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission was held on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Lockport Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dean Savoie. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Roll Call:** Present – Oray Savoie, Dean Savoie, Vincent Guillory and Jeffery Bacon. Absent – Brett Bascle. Note - board member Brett Bascle’s absence was due to work.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Oray Savoie and seconded by Vincent Guillory to approve the minutes as presented. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon, Oray Savoie, and Vincent Guillory; no - none. Motion approved.

**Adoption of Agenda:**  A motion was made by Oray Savoie and seconded by Vincent Guillory to approve the agenda. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon, Oray Savoie, and Vincent Guillory; no - none. Motion approved.

**Secretary Report:**  The following was accomplished: checked mail box, copied and assembled meeting paperwork (agenda, minutes, financial report, etc.), submitted minutes for publication in Daily Comet, sent minutes and agenda to Parish clerk, paid monthly bills, mailed postcards to Commission members, balanced checking account, reassignment of lease from Hank Holland to Josh Pierce, mailed alligator tag letter award letter to Roland Moliniere and Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, Commission termination of noncompliant lease holder, and paid second quarter taxes.

**Approval of Financial Report:** A motion was made by Jeffery Bacon and seconded by Vincent Guillory to approve the financial report. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon, Oray Savoie and Vincent Guillory; no - none. Motion approved.

**Public Input****:** None.

**Business**

**Lake Fields/Lake Long Hydrological Restoration Project:** Board member Vincent Guillory notified the Commission that a grant application had been submitted to the National Fish and Wildlife Federation, Coastal Resilience Fund for funds to provide cost estimates, engineering and design, and coastal use permits for shoreline stabilizations and channel constrictions of two openings into Lake Fields (Camp Canal and Company Canal) and Lake Long (Company Canal); the Commission would provide $40,000 as match for approximately $70,000 of grant money. He advised that the Commission should not solicit bids for similar work until after a decision is made concerning awarding of grant funds in November, 2018. If the Commission fails to receive funding, a request for bids will be submitted to move forward with the projects.

**Waterfowl Hunting Restriction Signage:** Board members Oray Savoie and Vincent Guillory notified the Commission that the hunting restriction signage has been placed out in the field.

**Removal of Derelict Vessels:** Chairman Dean Savoie mentioned that there were several derelict vessels observed near camp leases during the last field trip. A motion was made by Oray Savoie and seconded by Jeffery Bacon to send out letters to lease owners instructing them to remove the vessels. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon, Oray Savoie, and Vincent Guillory; no - none. Motion approved.

**Unauthorized Use of Lake Fields/Lake Long State Lands:** The unauthorized parking of a commercial barge on Umbrage Canal on state lands was discussed. Steve Ledet, a representative of a company leasing property from Allan Land company that had placed the barge on state lands, was present. The Commission will contact representatives of Allen Land company for additional information.

**Unauthorized Harvest of Alligator Eggs:** Chairman Dean Savoie advised that the company which received the state lands alligator egg permit, observed several alligator nests on state lands west of Lake Long that were disturbed and eggs illegally taken. A complaint was filed with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and they are investigating. A request was also made that if anyone had any information on this issue to please contact the Commission or the State.

**Commercial Crab Fishing Restrictions:** Chairman Dean Savoie indicated that he will schedule a meeting with a local state representative to introduce legislation prohibiting commercial crab fishing in state lands in and around Lakes Fields and Long.

**Commission: State or Parish Board:** Item tabled to next meeting.

**Submerged Lake Field Debris:** Chairman Dean Savoie will contact the Parish derelict vessel removal program to request removal of debris in Lake Fields adjacent to the Camp Canal opening which resulted in a boating accident. A member of the public notified the Commission that the debris appeared to be a submerged cistern and that someone had already placed PVC pipes around the structure to warn boaters. Coordinates will be taken by the board to be given to the clean up crew in hopes of rectifying this situation as soon as possible.

**Lease Fees for Transferred Leases:** A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Oray Savoie to charge four hundred forty dollars for a one hundred frontage foot lot and fifty cents per foot for anything over those measurements for new lottery lease owners, future transfers or additional footage added to current lease holders. Voting yes – Jeffery Bacon, Oray Savoie, and Vincent Guillory; no – none. Motion approved.

**Lottery Lease Lots:** Lottery lease lots will later be mapped out and made available to the public.

**Other Business:**

**Adjournment:**A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Oray Savoie to adjourn the meeting.  Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon, Oray Savoie and Vincent Guillory; no - none. Motion approved.

Dean Savoie

Chairman

Shontelle Cockerham

Secretary