**LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION**

**Minutes:  July 9, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission was held on Monday, July 9, 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 Jeffery Bacon 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 Carroll Hernandez to Ryan Sampey, sent out final grass violation letter to lease holder, sent out certified termination of camp lease to lease holder, and picked up completed hunting ordinance signs.

**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****:** A lease holder reported that previous complaint of grass violation was addressed by lease holder.

**Business**

**Lake Fields/Lake Long Hydrological Restoration Project:** Board member Vincent Guillory notified the Commission that there was nothing to update. Board member Jeffery Bacon notified the board of the possibility that Ducks Unlimited may be a future partner.

**Terminated Camp Lease Availability:** A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Jeffery Bacon to allow the recently terminated camp lease to be made available as a lottery lot. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon, Oray Savoie and Vincent Guillory; no - none. Motion approved.

**Commercial Crab Fishing Restrictions:** Various options to implement a prohibition in commercial fishing was discussed. A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Oray Savoie to prohibit commercial crab trap usage in the Preserve. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon, Oray Savoie, and Vincent Guillory; no - none. Motion approved.

**Waterfowl Hunting Restrictions Signage and Map:** Chairman Dean Savoie noted that there eight signs that the Commission could place at nearby boat launches and at entrances into the Lake Fields area. Board member Jeffery Bacon notified the Commission that he had also made available a map reflecting the five hundred feet proximity from campsites that would be prohibited. A motion was made by Oray Savoie and seconded by Jeffery Bacon to additionally purchase posts and hardware for the signage. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon, Oray Savoie and Vincent Guillory; no - none. Motion approved.

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

**Unauthorized Use of Lake Fields/Lake Long State Lands:** Item tabled to next agenda.

**Lease Fees for New Lease Holders:** A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Jeffery Bacon to increase the fees for new lease holders to four hundred and forty dollars per lease. Chairman Dean Savoie also added that there should be a time frame for new lease owners to begin work on their leases. The Commission will later schedule another field trip to identify the available lots. Voting yes – Jeffrey Bacon, Oray Savoie and Vincent Guillory; no - none. Motion approved.

**Other Business:**

**Submerged Debris North Lake Fields Area:** The Board was also notified of submerged debris in Lake Fields a short distance off the lower Bayou Folse opening into Lake Fields that caused a recent boating accident. The site was later marked by the public to prevent future accidents. The Commission requested coordinates and will contact the Parish if the derelict vessel and bayou debris cleanup crew could remove the debris.

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

Dean Savoie

Chairman

Shontelle Cockerham

Secretary