**LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION**

**Minutes:  March 11, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission was held on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Lockport Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Bacon. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Roll Call:** Present – Oray Savoie, Jeff Bacon, Vincent Guillory, and Ryan Callais. Absent – Brett Bascle. A legal quorum as defined by Commission bylaws was present.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Oray Savoie to approve the February board meeting minutes and Commission field trip minutes as presented. Voting yes – Oray Savoie, Vincent Guillory, and Ryan Callais; 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, worked on reassignment of leases, sent out annual lease renewals, collected and deposited payments, and sent nutria agreement to nutria trapper.

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

**Public Input:**

**Business**

**Alligator Tag Records:** Roland Molinere, who was granted the Commission alligator tags for 2018, presented the Commission with updated records to address some questions. Secretary Shontelle will review these and report back.

**Proposed State Legislation:** Chairman Jeffery Bacon and Vincent Guillory informed the board that they attended a meeting last Friday with Representative Jerry Gisclair and state attorneys from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Office of State Lands, and Attorney General’s Office concerning the proposed legislative bill to designate the Commission as a Parish rather than a State board. Commission members were advised that if the Commission became a Parish board, the Commission would no longer have the authority to issue camp leases, alligator tags, and alligator egg collections; because these three items were the sole source of funds, Commission members requested that the proposed legislation not be filed. The Commission was also advised that new camp leases without physical improvements from prior lease holders are subject to the public bid process.

**Update on State CUP:** Chairman Jeff Bacon indicated that the Commission has a Coastal Use Permit for maintenance dredging, but no Corp of Engineers permit. Jeff Bacon will be submitting information to extend the State CUP and later apply for the Corp permit.

**Restoration Project CUP:** Vincent Guillory informed the board that a draft cooperative agreement with Duck’s Unlimited to apply for Coastal Use Permits for a Lake Fields / Lake Long hydrological restoration project has been submitted but no response has been received.

**Late Year Budget Revisions:** Vincent Guillory stated that the Commission auditing firm notified the Commission that expenditures exceeded budget projections in 2018 and that the Commission should have submitted a revised budget. The Commission was advised that in the future budget expenditures in relation to revenues should be addressed later in the fiscal year, and a revised budget be submitted if necessary.

**Lottery Camp Leases:** Chairman Jeffery Bacon notified the Commission that new camp leases must be allocated through the State public bid process. The Commission will adopt new policies and guidelines at a later date to comply.

**Other Business:**

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

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 8th, at 6:30 pm at the Town of Lockport building.

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Jeff Bacon, Chairman

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Shontelle Cockerham, Secretary