# LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION

**Minutes: April 10, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission was held on

Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Lockport Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barry Plaisance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Roll Call:** Present – Vincent Guillory, Oray Savoie, Brett Bascle, Barry Plaisance, and Dean Savoie. Absent- Lloyd Ledet

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Oray Savoie and seconded by Dean Savoie to approve the minutes as presented. Voting yes – Vincent Guillory, Oray Savoie, Brett Bascle and Dean Savoie. No – None

**Adoption of Agenda/Secretary Report:** The following was accomplished: checked mail box, copied and assembled meeting paperwork (agenda, minutes, financial report, etc.) for the April meeting, submitted minutes for publication in Daily Comet, sent minutes and agenda to Parish clerk, paid monthly bills, continued recording returned leases at the clerk of courts office, deposited lease payments, mailed out delinquent letters, working on termination of Gwen Gros lease, reassignment of lease from Randall Boudreaux to Louise Boudreaux, collected needed info for reporting of first quarter taxes, redirected a caller with a question about crabbing to Wildlife and Fisheries, and took call from Brandon Griffin for nutria permit. A motion was made by Brett Bascle and seconded by Vincent Guillory to approve. Voting yes- Oray Savoie, Vincent Guillory, Dean Savoie and Brett Bascle. No- None

**Approval of Financial Report:** A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Brett Bascle to accept the March financial report. Voting yes — Oray Savoie, Brett Bascle, Dean Savoie and Vincent Guillory. No-None

**Public Input:** Brent Story and Monique Henry reported to the Commission that they are in need of help with the high level of water near the campsites located in Bayou Dumar. Vincent Guillory advised them to contact Amanda Voison as she could assist them in applying for a dredging permit. The public questioned the Commission to see if the Commission could apply for the dredging permit. Barry Plaisance and Vincent Guillory advised the camp owners that the process would be much quicker if the camp owners applied for themselves. Oray Savoie mentioned that both should apply for the permit. A motion was made by Brett Bascle for the Commission to apply for a maintenance dredging permit for the Bayou Dumar area, seconded by Oray Savoie. Voting yes- Dean Savoie, Oray Savoie, Vincent Guillory and Brett Bascle. No- None.

**Business:**

**Commission Debit Card:** Chairman Barry Plaisance notified the Commission that Capital One Bank has denied the issuing of a debit card to the Commission. No government bank accounts are allowed to have access to a debit card. No other options are available at this time. Barry Plaisance notified the board that we will continue with the checkbook for all future transactions..

**Camp Signs:** Chairman Barry Plaisance notified the Commission and the public that he has many camp signs in his possession. He asked that all camp owners that do not currently have a sign on their campsite to please contact the office and one will be provided.

**Commission Field Trip:** Chairman Barry Plaisance suggested that the Commission schedule a field trip. The scheduled trip will be on May 12, 2017. This trip will be open for the public to attend. It will be noted on an agenda and placed on the door of the Town Hall for public notification.

**Cancelled Lottery Leases:** Chairman Barry Plaisance notified the Commission and the public that there are several cancelled lottery leases that will be made available only to adjacent and current lease holders.

**Alligator Egg Collection/ Alligator Release:** Chairman Barry Plaisance mentioned that the egg collection will be coming up around the months of June/July. The alligator release date is April 17, 2017. As per Golden Ranch employee, Aaron Ledet, the Commission will be notified and someone from the Commission will be in attendance. Brett Bascle offered to go.

**Bass Fry/ Fingerlings Stockings:** Chairman Barry Plaisance notified the Commission that he has been speaking with Brian Heimann with Wildlife and Fisheries about the Bass Fry and that they had a problem with some of their pumps and will not be able to fill all their orders. Some of the fry may have to be distributed at a later date.

**Marking of Lake Fields Structure:** Chairman Barry Plaisance notified the Commission that there is a valve/pipe obstruction in the waterway. He is trying to find out who is responsible for this and have it marked for safety reasons.

**Nuisance Alligators Near Camp Sites:** Chairman Barry Plaisance notified the public that there have been many sighting of alligators near campsites. He suggested that if there were any concerns by the camp owners, they should contact Wildlife and Fisheries at 1-225-765-2800 to be issued a nuisance alligator complaint number. He also advised them that Wildlife and Fisheries do not consider any alligator under six feet to be a nuisance.

**Lake Long Restoration Project Permits:** Chairman Barry Plaisance suggested to the Commission that while we are trying to get a permit for Lake Fields, he also believes we should apply for a permit for Lake Long. Vincent Guillory mentioned that NRCS would possibly help with the funding for restorations. He mentioned that submitting a proposal could help with water quality. He said the it should be a quick turn around as far as time and approval. He said the NRCS would be reviewing submitted proposals in May. He questioned the Commission about a donation to this project. The Commission agreed to donate up to ($ 150,000) one hundred fifty thousand dollars towards the project. A motion was made by Dean Savoie and seconded by Brett Bascle. Voting yes- Dean Savoie, Oray Savoie, Vincent Guillory and Brett Bascle. No-None.

**Discharge of Firearms from Camp Leases/ Dog Leashes/ Illegal Camp Lot Deer Stand:** Chairman Barry Plaisance reminded the Commission and the public that this was addressed at the last meeting. He also added that he wants to include illegal deer stands on camp sites. He notified the Commission and the public that the letters will be mailed out. A motion was made by Dean Savoie and seconded by Vincent Guillory. Voting yes- Dean Savoie, Oray Savoie, Vincent Guillory. No- Brett Bascle

**Refusal of New Camp Lease Document/ Lease Cancellation:** Chairman Barry Plaisance mentioned that we will be sending a letter to the DA requesting his opinion on the new 10 year lease agreement. He notified the board and the public that if a lease owner refuses to follow through with returning of the notarized lease agreement, the Commission has the right to terminate the lease agreement. A motion was made by Vincent Guillory that once the DA renders his opinion, there would be a letter issued to camp owners and thirty days later, the unreturned leases would be terminated.

**Sunken Boat on Bayou Dumar (Added to Agenda):** A motion was made by Dean Savoie to add to Agenda, seconded by Brett Bascle. Commission was notified of a sunken boat and trash violation at campsite Block D-2, Lot 4. The Commission agreed that a letter would go out to camp owner to take care of it. A motion was made by Dean Savoie and seconded by Brett Bascle. Voting yes- Dean Savoie, Oray Savoie, Vincent Guillory and Brett Bascle. No- None.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Dean Savoie and seconded by Brett Bascle to adjourn the meeting. Voting Yes – Vincent Guillory, Oray Savoie, Dean Savoie and Brett Bascle. No – None.

The next meeting will be on Monday, May 8, 2017.

Barry Plaisance

Chairman

Shontelle Cockerham

Secretary