# LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION

**Minutes: May 8, 2017**

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

Monday, May 8, 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 Dean Savoie and seconded by Vincent Guillory 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 May meeting, submitted minutes for publication in Daily Comet, sent minutes and agenda to Parish clerk, paid monthly bills, recorded reassignment of lease on Hillary Thibodaux to Mandy Griffin, terminations of Andy Lebouef, James Pitre, Todd Andras and Todd Dufrene, located dredging permit, sent information into Laris Insurance agency for an insurance quote, sent out letters to lease holders about termination of lease by date, called unpaid lease holders to verify desire to terminate lease, sent out Census report information requested on paid employees with Commission, signed off on alligator egg permits, sent out postcards to Commission members and reported second quarter taxes to IRS . A motion was made by Dean Savoie and seconded by Brett Bascle to approve. Voting yes- Oray Savoie, Vincent Guillory, Dean Savoie and Brett Bascle. No- None

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

**Public Input:** Korey Alario notified the Commission that he had not received the letter sent out to lease owners concerning Firearms. Secretary of the board, Shontelle Cockerham, printed a letter at the meeting and gave it to lease owner.

**Business:**

**Lake Long/ Lake Fields Alligator Tags:** Chairman Barry discussed with the Commission the possibility of splitting the alligator tags between Lake Fields (30) and Lake Long (36). He advised the Commission that we send out two separate letters to Wildlife and Fisheries. A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Oray Savoie. Voting yes- Dean Savoie, Oray Savoie, Vincent Guillory and Brett Bascle. No- None

**Alligator Tag Bid Notice:** Chairman Barry Plaisance read aloud the alligator bid notice and asked the Commission their thoughts on separating the bids to reflect the two separate lakes for hunting and bidding on alligator trapping. The Commission agreed that the wording on the notice should remain the same but there should be two individuals bids submitted in. Barry also suggested we submit the bid notice to the paper to run from June 1st for 30 days. Barry mentioned the separate bid notices should also be sent out to previous trappers. It should be addressed to “Alligator Bids”, Lafourche Game and Fish Commission, Post Office Box 215, Lockport, La. 70374. The envelopes will remain unopened until the July meetings. A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Dean Savoie to accept. Voting yes- Dean Savoie, Oray Savoie, Vincent Guillory and Brett Bascle. No- None

**Alligators Released (Brett):** Brett Bascle notified the Commission that he accompanied the alligator release done by Golden Ranch. Brett reported there were a total of 61 gators released in separate areas of the lake. Golden Ranch is reporting a release of 187 gators proposed for next year.

**Lake Fields/ Lake Long Restoration Project (Update):** Vincent Guillory notified the Commission that he was informed by Estuary Program that the NRCS funds for water quality improvement only applied to private property. He proposed in the upcoming months that he would like to present the public with a informative visual presentation on the proposal. He did mention that they will continue to look for correct funding source for this proposal.

**Game Commission Bank CDs:** Chairman Barry Plaisance mentioned that the Commission has $122,000.00 invested with Community Bank. He questioned the board if we should leave the monies in this account or place elsewhere. Dean Savoie mentioned checking with Capital One Bank on a higher yielding account since the interest with Capital One Bank on this account is really low.

**Game Commission Bank Account:** Chairman Barry Plaisance notified the Commission that FDIC will only insure up to $250,000.00 on a bank account. Since the current Capital One bank account may potentially reach this amount soon, he questioned if we should open up another with the same bank or a different one. Dean Savoie mentioned checking with the Capital One bank on different accounts.

**Hillary and Anne Thibodeaux Camp Sale:** Chairman Barry Plaisance notified the Commission of the sale of Hillary and Anne Thibodeaux’s camp to Mandy Griffin.

**Lake Long Camp Site:** Chairman Barry Plaisance notified the Commission that he noticed an “illegal” campsite near the Lake Long area. He suggested that they would check into it more on the next scheduled field trip out to the Lake.

**Bayou Dumar Maintenance Dredging Permit:** Chairman Barry Plaisance notified the public that he spoke with Neil Gauthier about the permit. The Commission is working on applying for the dredging permit for the Bayou Dumar area but that it will take time, possibly months to finalize. He reported that the cost to the Commission will be very minimal.

**D & O Insurance Quote for Commission:** Chairman Barry Plaisance notified the Commission of the quote he received from Laris insurance would be two thousand, seven hundred six dollars, and seventeen cents. It would not include general liability coverage. The board has currently received three quotes for insurance and will make a decision at a later date. Dean Savoie suggested the secretary contact Theriot, Duet, and Theriot for a quote also.

**Added to Agenda-**

**New Laptop for Commission Secretary:** The Commission’s secretary, Shontelle Cockerham, notified the Commission that the current laptop needs to be updated. The Commission approved the upgrade. A motion was made by Dean Savoie to accept and Vincent Guillory seconded. 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, June 12, 2017.

Barry Plaisance

Chairman

Shontelle Cockerham

Secretary