**Minutes for December 5, 2012**

**LA CRAWFISH PROMOTION & RESEARCH BOARD**

**NOAA ESTUARIJNE HABITATS AND COSTAL FISHERIES CENTER**

**700 CAJUNDOME BLVD.**

**LAFAYETTE, LA**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Jody Meche called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

MEMBERS PRESENT MEMBERS ABSENT

Chandra Scarber Ralph Babin

Mike Bienvenu Wylie Jewell

David Savoy Wayne Roming

Jody Meche Greg Benhard

Bill Pizzolato Greg Faulk

Robert Buller

Kip Lastrapes

**DELCARATION OF A QUORUM:**

Chairman Meche declared the presence of a quorum with 7 members present and 5 members absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION BY**: Kip Lastrapes and seconded by David Savoy to approve the minutes as presented for September 25, 2012. Motion Carried.

**COLLECTIONS & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Chairman Meche called on Dr. Ron Harrell to present the collections and financial reports. He reported the board the current condition of accounts.

**MOTION BY:** David Savoy seconded by Mike Bienvenu to except the financial report as presented. Motion Carried.

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

Ron Harrell, as discussed the recommendations of the Farm Bureau crawfish committee tabled on automated harvesting

Dr. Zappi and Matthew Amy with University of Lafayette addressed the board on the automated processing project. After the presentation on the tier 1 effort, and followed by lengthy discussion the board accepted the presentation as completed for the funded tier 1 contract.

**MOTION BY:** Chandra Scarber seconded by Mike Bienvenu to proceed to the tier 2 portion of the original contract at $40,000.00. Motion carried.

The board discussed a possible legislative event for next secession.

**Motion By:** Mike Bienvenu and seconded by David Savoy to have the director look into the possible cost, time and place to hold the event and report back to the board at the next meeting. Motion Carried

**Promotions & Research:**

**Motion By:** David Savoy and second by Robert Buller to fund the request for promotional/educational funding for LA Farm Bureau for the Holly Clegg cooking show trim and terrific for $5,000.00. Motion Carried.

**Motion By:** Bill Pizzolato and seconded by Mike Bienvenu to provide up to $6,500.00 the Louisiana Department of Agriculture for it crawfish promotional efforts through a cooking show featuring Louisiana crawfish. Motion Carried

The board discussed the promotional bill boards CBS They also asked the director to check into prices for placement of them in desired areas for furthering Louisiana crawfish sales and bring information to the next meeting.

The board discussed the LCFA and LCPA-West promotional funding.

**MOTION BY:** Mike Bienvenu and seconded by Kip Lastrapes to provide funding for $40,000.00 for the LCFA and $15,000.00 to the LCPA-West. Motion Carried.

The board decided to move any additional undedicated funding into the budget for automated processing, while leaving $15,000.00 in the general checking.

**No public comment:**

Date set for next meeting is January 16th, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. at the same place in Lafayette.

**MOTION BY:** David Savoy and seconded Chandra Scarber by to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.