**Minutes for June 18, 2014**

**LA CRAWFISH PROMOTION & RESEARCH BOARD**

**NOAA HABITATS AND COSTAL FISHERIES CENTER**

**700 CAJUNDOME BLVD.**

**LAFAYETTE, LA**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Ralph Babin called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ralph Babin Wylie Jewell

Kip Lastrapes Chandra Scarber

David Savoy Jody Meche

Greg Faulk

Mike Bienvenu

Robert Buller

Greg Benhard

Wayne Romig

Bill Pizzolato

**DELCARATION OF A QUORUM:**

Chairman Babin declared the presence of a quorum with 9 members present and 3 members absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION BY**: Robert Buller and seconded by Kip Lastrapes to approve the minutes as presented for February 13, 2014. Motion Carried.

**COLLECTIONS & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Chairman Babin called on Director Stephen Minvielle to present the collections and financial reports. He reported the board the current condition of accounts.

**MOTION BY:** Robert Buller seconded by Bill Pizzolato to except the financial report as presented. Motion Carried.

**Promotions & Research:**

Dee Scallan updated the board on her promotional and educational activities. She also made a request for the board to provide $15,000.00 for additional promotion and children’s education.

**MOTION BY:** Wayne Romig and seconded David Savoy to fund the request for $15,000.00. Motion Carried.

Stephen Dufreche with UL updated the board on the automated processing project, after lengthy discussion it was decided that the project was not ready to proceed to the Tier 3 level of the project. It was additionally decided that the project would remain in the Tier 2 portion of the project and the board would provide additional funding for the Tier 2 portion for further research. It will be reevaluated at the September 17, 2014 meeting.

**Motion By:** David Savoy and seconded by Greg Faulk to provide an additional$50,000.00 for the Tier 2 portion of the Automated Processing Project. Motion Carried.

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

The Director provided his report;

The board discussed Act. 219 and the amendments to the statue that governs the board. No Action Taken

The director reminded the board of the annual Ag Magic funding, after discussion the director recommended increasing the funding from $1000.00 to $1500.000.

**Motion By:** Greg Faulk and seconded by David Savoy to provide the LSU Ag Magic program $1500.00 for its children’s educational efforts. Motion Carried.

The director informed the board of a technical error that had been made at the November 13, 20133 meeting and it refection in the minutes. The motion concerning the funding for the automated processing project by Wylie Jewell and seconded by Chandra Scarber to except the financials as presented and to amend the budget from the 12-5-2012 meeting to put all excess funds into the automated processing project back into the overage category, leaving $230,000.00 as originally budgeted in the automated processing project. Motion Carried.

**Motion BY:**  Greg Faulk and seconded by David Savoy to make the technical change from $230,000.00 to $255,000.00 in the minutes and in the budget. Motion Carried.

The board discussed the web site activity; it was determined to keep things as they are.

No Action Taken.

The board discussed the Memphis advertising campaign and the success of the campaign. The director recommended the board fund a small percentage of the Memphis campaign and one other large market for the 2015.

**Motion By:** Mike Bienvenu and seconded by David Savoy to provide $2,500.00 for travel expenses for doing market research for the 2015 advertising campaign. Motion Carried.

The board discussed items that needed to be addressed until the RFP process is worked out the 2 LSU research projects were the only items needing immediate attention.

**Motion By:** Mike Bienvenu and seconded by David Savoy that we provide the $16,200.00 to fund the two LSU research projects. Motion Carried.

**Motion By:** Mike Bienvenu and seconded by Greg Faulk to pay $2,500.00 in reimbursement for the directors out of pocket LCR&PB expenditures. Motion Carried.

Chair Babin request that John Walthers provide the director with laws and rules that govern the board, Mr. Walthers said he would.

The board discussed the water situations in the basin they ask the director to ask Southern University to do a study on the effects of the hydroelectric plant.

**No public comment:**

Ben Bienvenu commented about advertising in the UL athletic fields, the director will look into cost.

Date set for next meeting is Wednesday September 17, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. at the Wetlands Center in Lafayette.

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