**Minutes for June 25, 2012**

**Louisiana Crawfish Research & Promotion Board**

**Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry**

**Veterans Memorial Auditorium**

**5825 Florida Blvd.**

**Baton Rouge, La 70806**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

MEMBERS PRESENT MEMBERS ABSENT

Jody Meche

Mike Bienvenu Rudy Sparks

David Savoy Ralph Babin

Greg Faulk Greg Benhard

Bill Pizzolato

Robert Buller

Wayne Romig

Kip Lastrapes

Wylie Jewell

Chandra Scarber

**DELCARATION OF A QUORUM:**

 Chairman Meche declared the presence of a quorum with 10 members present and 3 members absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION BY**: David Savoy and seconded by Mike Bienvenu to approve the minutes as presented for January 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:** Robert Buller seconded by David Savoy to except the financial report as presented. Motion Carried.

 **BOARD BUSINESS:**

Director Stephen Minvielle informed the board of the recent visit from USITC and of the information they requested and were provided. He gave an update on the new web site informing them that it should be replacing the old one in a few weeks. With the board reviewing the mission statement board member Greg Faulk provided. The board was in agreement with it and told the committee to move forward with putting mission statement on the new web site.

The director discussed the numerous inquires from the TV industry about possibly perusing a program about crawfish in Louisiana. As of lately it didn’t appear to have much motion to actually happening but he would keep them informed if anything of real possibility does take place.

**Promotions & Research:**

 **Motion By:** Mike Bienvenu and seconded by Chandra Scarber to fund $1000.00 for promotional items for the Department of Agriculture & Forestry meeting July 22-26 2012. Motion Carried

**Motion By:** Bill Pizzolato and seconded by Greg Faulk to provide Mr. Bobby Soileau with Louisiana Young Ag Producers Program $2000.00 for their promotional/educational efforts. Motion Carried

Dr. Greg Lutz addressed the board concerning a research proposal dealing with salt water intrusion and possible alternative vegetations such as maiden cane. The board took no action at this time, they told Dr. Lutz they would put together a list of research ideas they would like to see addressed before the next meeting for him.

Dee Scallan addressed the board and gave an update on the activities the board funded during the November meeting. No requests were made and the board took no action.

**No public comment:**

Date set for next meeting is September 25th, 2012 at 2:00 P.M in Lafayette at the Wetlands Center.

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