

PUBLIC OYSTER SEED GROUND VESSEL PERMIT APPEALS BOARD

MINUTES

March 2, 2016

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CHAIRMAN

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

The following constitute minutes of the Public Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit Appeals
Board Meeting

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March 2, 2016 – 10:30 A.M.
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
LDWF OFFICE IN THE UNO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY BUILDING
2021 LAKESHORE DRIVE, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70122

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jakov Jurisic at approximately 10:34am.

AGENDA

I. Roll Call

- Shane Bagala – Absent
- Wilbert Collins – Absent
- Buddy Daisy – Absent
- Dan Coulon – Present
- Byron Encalade – Present
- Jakov Jurisic – Present
- Brad Robin – Absent
- Sam Slavich – Present
- Peter Vujnovich, Jr. – Present

Quorum present.

II. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of February 2, 2016

- Vujnovich – Motion to Approve
 - Encalade – Seconded
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

III. Hearing of Deferred Renewal Permit Appeals

1. Myron Prosperie (attending)

- Ty Lindsey, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Biologist, informed the Board that Prosperie held a 2013 permit that was purchased December 2012. That permit expired December 31, 2014. Prosperie attempted to renew the permit in October 2015. Prosperie's appeal statement cites personal health reasons and thinking he had renewed permit as reasons for failing to renew the permit.
- Prosperie presented the Board with copies of medical documents which were reviewed by Coulon, Slavich, and Lindsey and returned to Prosperie. Coulon and Slavich felt the documents substantiated Prosperie's claim.
- Prosperie explained his medical history.
- Encalade – Motion to recommend a permit be issued
 - Coulon – Seconded
- MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

IV. Hearing of New Renewal Permit Appeals

1. Aaron Tillman (attending)

- Lindsey explained that Tillman held a 2012 permit on vessel 661031. Tillman sold that boat by at least October 2014, according to the United States Coast Guard registration record, and retained the permit. Tillman purchased vessel MI-8332-BR. Lindsey did not know dates of these activities, because neither was registered with LDWF. Tillman applied for permit renewal in February 2016, but the Department could not renew it because the 2012 permit expired December 31, 2013. Tillman stated in his appeal that he did not have a vessel on which to renew the permit as the reason for failing to renew.
- Tillman said he thought he could get the permit whenever he had a vessel to put it on.
- Encalade expressed his belief that the purpose of the Board is to prevent adding new permits to a crowded commercial oyster industry.
- Tillman told the Board he began construction on vessel MI-8332-BR about six months ago.
- Coulon – Motion to recommend a permit be issued
 - Encalade – Seconded
 - Slavich asked that the written motion inform LDWF Secretary Charlie Melancon that Tillman’s case is unprecedented for the Board.
 - Jurisic instructed Lindsey to include Tillman’s Trip Ticket and permit/license histories in the Board recommendation packet to Secretary Melancon.
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

2. Gary Barthelemy (not attending)

- Lindsey informed the Board that Barthelemy could not attend the meeting due to a family emergency.
- Encalade, who knows Barthelemy well, spoke at length about Barthelemy’s medical history as well as his extensive history in the commercial seafood industry.
- Encalade – Motion to recommend a permit be issued
 - Coulon – Seconded
- MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

V. Update on Recommendation Made at February 2, 2016 Meeting

- Lindsey reported the Board made a recommendation for a permit renewal for one boat for Brock Buras at its February 2, 2016 meeting and that Secretary Melancon agreed with the recommendation and that Buras had been issued a permit on February 15, 2016.

VI. Receive public comments

- None received.

VII. Set next meeting date

- Vujnovich – Motion to set next meeting date, if needed, in conjunction with the next OTF meeting. *
 - Encalade – Seconded
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

VIII. Adjournment

- Coulon – Motion to Adjourn
 - Slavich – Seconded
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
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Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:18am; Duration of Meeting: approximately 44 min.

Minutes drafted by Ty Lindsey, LDWF Biologist

*The OTF met later the same day as scheduled and set Tuesday, March 29, 2016 as their next meeting date to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Therefore, the next Public Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit Appeals Board meeting will be scheduled for 10:30am on Tuesday, March 29, 2016, if needed, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. (At the time these minutes were drafted there were no pending appeal cases).