

**PUBLIC OYSTER SEED GROUND VESSEL PERMIT APPEALS BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**September 5, 2017**

**JAKOV JURISIC**

**CHAIRMAN**

**NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

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

and are not a verbatim transcript of the proceedings.

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September 5, 2017 – 9:00 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 9:15am.

AGENDA

I. Roll Call

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

Quorum present.

II. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of March 14, 2017

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

III. Hearing of New Renewal Permit Appeals

1. Lizeth Rizas Mendez (not attending)

- Ty Lindsey, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Biologist, stated that Mendez was unable to attend the meeting due to school and then Hurricane Harvey impacting her place of residence in Houston, Texas.
- Vujnovich – Motion to defer permit appeal
  - Coulon – Seconded
  - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

2. Bernard Picone (attending)

- Lindsey explained that Picone had two appeals for expired permits. One permit is under MV Captain Ethan, LLC on vessel 556618 and the other is under Miss Hailey, LLC on vessel LA-1881-CA. The permit on 556618 was issued in license year 2015 and the permit on LA-1881-CA was issued in license year 2014. Picone stated that paperwork confusion caused by creation of the two LLC's was the reason he failed to renew the permits.
- Jurisic asked Picone if he had Louisiana Secretary of State documentation showing Picone as an agent of the two LLC's.

- Picone said he had such documentation in his vehicle.
- Jurisich took a recess from approximately 9:19am until 9:25am to allow Picone time to go to his vehicle to retrieve the requested documentation.
- Picone presented the Board with the Louisiana Secretary of State documentation showing himself as an agent of both LLC's.
- Jurisic asked Picone who did he think was at fault for failing to renew the permits.
  - Picone said it was his fault.
- Robin related his experience with loosing track of which vessels had current permits.
- Vujnovich asked Lindsey in what years were the permits issued.
  - Lindsey stated the permit under Miss Hailey, LLC was issued in 2014 and the permit under Captain Ethan, LLC was issued in 2015.
- Vujnovich – Motion to recommend a renewal permit be issued to Captain Ethan, LLC and to recommend against permit renewal for Miss Hailey, LLC.
  - Slavich – Seconded
  - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

IV. Receive public comments

- Lindsey informed the Board that effort had been made to have the Oyster Dealers and Growers Association appoint a new Public Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit Appeals Board member to fill the vacancy created by the death of Wilbert Collins in May, 2017.
  - Al Sunseri said the association will meet to appoint a new Board member.

V. Set next meeting date

- Vujnovich – Motion to set next meeting date in conjunction with the next OTF meeting.\*
  - Robin – Seconded
  - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

VI. Adjournment

- Vujnovich – Motion to Adjourn
    - Slavich – Seconded
    - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
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Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40am; Duration of Meeting: approximately 25 minutes, not counting the recess.

Minutes drafted by Ty Lindsey, LDWF Biologist

\*The OTF met later the same day as scheduled and set Tuesday, October 3, 2017 as their next meeting date to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana. Therefore, the next Public Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit Appeals Board meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2017 in New Orleans, Louisiana if needed. There was one deferred appeal as of adjournment of the September 5, 2017 Board meeting.