

PUBLIC OYSTER SEED GROUND VESSEL PERMIT APPEALS BOARD

MINUTES

April 24, 2018

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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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April 24, 2018 – 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 8:57am.

AGENDA

I. Roll Call

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

Quorum present.

*Arrived shortly after roll call.

**Arrived closer to end of meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of October 3, 2017

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

IV. Hearing of New Renewal Permit Appeals

1. Mark Tinney (attending)

- Ty Lindsey, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Biologist, explained that Tinney held a 2016 permit held under his personal name on vessel LA5591GB. The 2016 permit was purchased on or about January 27, 2016. On or about December 20, 2016 Tinney transferred LA5591GB to his company's name, LA Harvester, LLC. The permit was not transferred along with the vessel for whatever reason. The permit expired December 31, 2017. Tinney attempted to renew the permit on or about March 9, 2018. Tinney was denied renewal. Permit

is pending under his personal name. Claims not receiving permit renewal notices as reason for not renewing.

- Jurisic clarified with Lindsey when Tinney's 2016 permit expired. Lindsey stated Tinney could no longer use the permit to fish public oyster grounds after December 31, 2016. Tinney had until December 31, 2017 to renew the permit.
- Jurisic asked Tinney why he did not renew the permit in 2017.
 - Tinney said he thought he had renewed it and that he did not think he received a renewal notice for the permit.
 - Tinney accepted some of the blame saying he should have looked at the renewal notices he did receive closer.
- Robin related his experience with not receiving renewal notices for all of his permits due to moving vessels from one license account to another. He feels LDWF should notify permit holders of issues concerning their permits.
- Robin – Motion to recommend a renewal permit be issued to Mark Tinney on vessel LA5591GB.
 - Coulon – Seconded
 - Coulon asked if the motion would result in a new permit.
 - Lindsey said no, it would be a renewal of existing permit.
 - Coulon mentioned he too had issues with renewing his permits.
 - Slavich expressed his support for the motion.
 - Encalade thought the Department required a signature stating the desire of anyone transferring ownership of a permitted vessel to either retain the permit or relinquish the permit. [Department protocol requires a signed statement from a permit holder that transfers ownership of a permitted vessel saying they also wish to relinquish the permit to the Department to be re-issued to the new vessel owner]. Encalade said he too supported the motion.
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

V. Receive public comments

- Lindsey draw attention to Tracy Collins who was attending the meeting as a Board member for the first time.

VI. Set next meeting date

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

VII. Adjournment

- Bagala – Motion to Adjourn
 - Encalade – Seconded
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
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Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15am; Duration of Meeting: approximately 18 minutes.

Minutes drafted by Ty Lindsey, LDWF Biologist

*The OTF met later the same day as scheduled and set Tuesday, May 29, 2018 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, May 29, 2018 in New Orleans, Louisiana if needed. There were no pending appeals as of adjournment of the April 24, 2018 Board meeting.