**Oyster Lease Damage Evaluation Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 23, 2017**

**LaSalle Building, LaBelle Room**

**617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, La 70802**

**1:00 PM**

*The following constitute minutes of the Oyster Lease Damage Evaluation Board Meeting and are not a verbatim transcript of the proceedings.*

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call by:** Chairman Charles Perrault, Division of Administrative Law

Roll Call

Present

Ralph Pausina,

Phil Precht

Absent

Don Briggs

Matthew Slavich

Introductions

Karl Morgan, Certifies Oyster Lease Biologists, OCM Permits Administrator, DNR

James Devitt, Deputy General Counsel, DNR

Lea Ann Baker, Oyster Lease Board Administrator, DNR

1. **Approval of Prior Minutes from the Past Two Years**

Minutes from February 5, 2015

Motion to Approve 2015 Minutes by Ralph Pausina

Second by Phil Precht

No objections

Minutes from February 25, 2016

Motion to Approve 2015 Minutes by Ralph Pausina

Second by Phil Precht

No objections

1. **Certification and Recertification of Oyster Biologists**

New Certifications

James Prather, III

Rob Vrancken

Motion to accept new certifications by Phil Precht

Question presented by Ralph Pausina to Charles Perrault regarding the process of approval for biologists.

An explanation of the approval process for these two new biologists was given by Karl Morgan stating that the minimum qualifications were met with a degree in biological science, and they have several years of experience working for the ELOS Environmental Consulting Firm.

No objections

Recertification of Biologists

Aaron Dugas

Adam Trahan

Billy Culpepper

Brady Trahan *present*

Chris McCready

Coy LeBlanc

Dakota Dagenhardt *present*

David Hebert

Dick Hoese

Earl Melancon

Ed Cake

Fred Shultz

Gabriel Johnson *present*

Greg Badon

Jason Shackelford

Jeremy Griffith

John Cirino

Josh Curry *present*

Jude LeDoux *present*

Kenny King

Lesley Baggett

Mark Gagliano *present*

Mike Rayle *present*

Nicholas Gaspard

Paul LeBlanc III

Read Hendon

Ronnie Duke Jr.

Sarah Roy *present*

Scott Porter

Tyler Ortego

Motion to accept recertification’s by Phil Precht

Ralph Pausina wanted to confirm that all biologists that are being recertified have requested to be recertified.

Charles Perrault referred to Lea Ann Baker, and she confirmed that all biologists being recertified has requested to be recertified.

Mr. Perrault stated with no objections all of the biologists have been recertified for the following year.

1. **Old Business**

No old business.

1. **New Business**

No new business

1. Adjournment by Mr. Perrault

Minutes by Lea Ann Baker, LDNR Office of Coastal Management