**Oyster Lease Damage Evaluation Board**

**General Minutes**

**Thursday, January 06, 2011**

**DNR – LaBelle Room**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairperson Vivian Guillory introduced herself and called the general meeting of the Oyster Lease Damage Evaluation Board to order at 2:00pm on January, 6, 2011at the DNR Building – LaBelle Room, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

Chairperson Guillory asked the Board Members to identify themselves. Board Members present in addition to Ms. Guillory were: David Cagnolatti, Mike Voisin, Ralph Pausina and Don Briggs arrived a few minutes later.

Ms. Guillory asked the audience to identify themselves: Those in attendance were Brady Trahan, Nicholas Gaspard (biologists with TB Smith), and Bob Harper – Under Secretary, DNR, Jim Devitt, Legal DNR and Rhonda Conston – auditor with DNR

 **Adoption of minutes**

 A motion was made by Mr. Voisin to accept the minutes of April 5, 2010 meeting as

 distributed. The motion was passed without objection.

**Re-certification of All Oyster Biologists & Permanent Certification of Temporarily Certified Biologists**

 For the record, Ms. Guillory read aloud the names of those biologists requesting

Recertification. A motion was made by Mr. Voisin and seconded by Mr. Pausina.

**Old Business**

Ms. Guillory stated that there were no cases pending before the Board. Entertaining a motion to add an item to agenda, Mr. Voisin made motion and Mr. Pausina seconded. Bob Harper – Undersecretary with DNR let the board know that the DNR auditor reviewed the board’s financial statement and there are 4 deposits: $45,000, $14,000, $1900 and $16. Bob Harper suggested the board investigate these deposits, return to appropriate parties and then remaining $ will be put into treasurer’s unclaimed property. Mr. Voisin made a motion to give Ms. Guillory the authority to research these deposits and then report to Mr. Harper findings. Mr. Cagnolatti seconded the motion. Ms. Guillory will advise the board of the results of the investigation.

Mr. Harper will also include a financial report at the next board meeting in order to keep the board informed. Ms. Guillory will include this item on the next agenda.

**New Business**

There was a question about whether Act 363 of the 2009 Regular Session, which changed the wording for selection of biologists, resulted in a conflict with the OLDEB’s promulgated rules. It was evaluated and Jim Devitt with DNR – legal who found that there was no conflict.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn by Mr. Voisin and seconded by Mr. Briggs – 2:30pm.