**Shrimp Task Force Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 10:00am**

**8026 Main Street Houma, LA**

**Meeting called to order at 10:27am**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

**Voting Members Present:**

Acy Cooper, Jr.

Andrew Blanchard

Rodney Olander

Kristen Baumer

**Voting Members Absent:**

George Barisich

Lance Nacio

Ronald Dufrene, Sr.

Steven Sode

Alan Gibson

**Non-voting Members Present:**

 Jack Isaacs

Mark Schexnayder

Stephen Sessums

Chad Hebert

**Non-voting Members Absent:**

Adam Eitmann

Justin Gremillion

Motion to accept the April 25, 2018 meeting minutes by Rodney Olander, 2nd by Andrew Blanchard. Motion carries.

Motion to accept the July 11, 2018 meeting agenda by Rodney Olander, 2nd by Andrew Blanchard. Motion carries.

**Financial Report:**

Remaining FY2018 Fund Balance: $514,779

Remaining FY2018 Budget Balance: $88, 340

Andrew Blanchard made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, 2nd by Rodney Olander. Motion carries.

**New Business:**

**Item A:**

Acy Cooper led discussion on shrimp prices; stated that the STF plans to discuss shrimp pricing and imports on their next trip to Washington, D.C.

The board discussed proposing a fish bill similar to the farm bill to help the industry; discussed a price point offset

Kristen Baumer requested feedback on price differentiations based on shrimp sizes for the next meeting

**Item B:**

Thomas Hymel addressed the TF with an update from the 2018 LFF Summit

**Item C:**

The board discussed Shrimp Task Force vacancies and member absentee and alternate fill in notices

**Item D:**

The board opened the floor for officer elections

Andrew Blanchard motioned to nominate Kristen Baumer as STF Chairman, 2nd by Rodney Olander. Motion carries.

Andrew Blanchard motioned to nominate Rodney Olander as STF Co-Chairman, 2nd by Kristen Baumer. Motion carries.

**Public Comment:**

Doug Daigle with the Gulf Hypoxia Working Group announced the upcoming meetings of the Gulf Hypoxia Task Force and invited the board and interested members of the public to attend

Motion to adjourn by Andrew Blanchard, 2nd by Kristen Baumer. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.