**LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION**

**Minutes:  January 14, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission was held on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Lockport Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeffery Bacon. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Roll Call:** Present – Vincent Guillory, Oray Savoie and Jeffery Bacon. Absent – Brett Bascle.

**Approval of December Minutes:** A motion was made by Oray Savoie and seconded by Vincent Guillory to approve the minutes. Voting yes – Oray Savoie and Vincent Guillory; no - none. Motion approved.

**Adoption of Agenda:**  A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Oray Savoie to approve the agenda. Voting yes – Vincent Guillory and Oray Savoie; no - none. Motion approved.

**Secretary Report:**  The following was accomplished: checked mail box, copied and assembled meeting paperwork (agenda, minutes, financial report, etc.), submitted minutes for publication in Daily Comet, sent minutes and agenda to Parish clerk, paid monthly bills, mailed postcards to Commission members, balanced checking account, worked on reassignment of leases, and emailed clerk of court proposed meeting dates for 2019.

**Approval of Financial Report:** A motion was made by Oray Savoie and seconded by Vincent Guillory to approve the financial report. Voting yes – Oray Savoie and Vincent Guillory; no - none. Motion approved.

**Public Input****:** A lease owner inquired about using the Commission’s maintenance dredging permit to obtain spoil for lease holders. Chairman Jeff Bacon advised that there were some administrative issues with the Commission permit, and that he would work with the State to resolve them. The board agreed not to allow anyone use of the permit.

**Business**

**Proposed State Legislation:** Board member Vincent Guillory informed the Commission that in early December the Lafourche Parish Council approved a resolution for the Commission to submit state legislation to change from a State to a Parish board. Vincent Guillory requested that if there are any final changes in the proposed bill language, he would make them before submitted a copy to State Representative Jerry Gisclair who will sponsor the bill.

**Lot 25, Block S1 Lot Size and Lease Fee:** A discussion was held concerning the difference in lot size as shown on Commission records and the actual size. Vincent Guillory moved and Oray Savoie seconded to modify the lease fee on new leases, including transfers or donations of existing leases and new available lots to “a base fee of four hundred and forty dollars per one hundred feet or less of lot frontage plus fifty cents per additional foot”. Voting yes – Oray Savoie and Vincent Guillory; No – none. Motion approved. A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Oray Savoie to amend and approve a lease fee of $250 for Lot 25, Block S-1. Voting yes – Oray Savoie and Vincent Guillory; No – none. Motion approved.

**Commercial Lease Legal Opinion:** Board member Vincent Guillory informed the commission that the legal opinion from the District Attorney’s office stated that the Commission does not have authority to allow commercial industrial vessels such as barges to be moored on State property and that the barge should be moved off State property. A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Oray Savoie for the Commission will submit a letter to the adjacent property owner advising them that the barge must be moved off State property. Voting yes – Oray Savoie and Vincent Guillory; no – none. Motion approved.

**Shooting Incident:** Board member Vincent Guillory advised the board that the official police report on the shooting incident did not have sufficient detail to ascertain if the incident took place on State property managed by the Commission. The Commission has no jurisdiction over private property.

**State CUP Application Bid Notice:** Board member Vincent Guillory informed the Commission that there will an upcoming meeting between Ducks Unlimited, the Terrebonne-Timbalier National Estuary Program, and Conoco Phillips personnel concerning the Bayou Folse watershed. Additionally, Ducks Unlimited may solicit funds for a Lake Fields project. If possible, board members Vincent Guillory and Jeffery Bacon will attend the meeting.

**Commission Field Trip:** A field trip was tentatively scheduled by Chairman Jeffery Bacon on February 8, 2019 to inspect lots for future camp leases.

**Other Business:** Secretary Shontelle Dufrene informed the Commission that the mandated records for alligator hides were incomplete. The Commission requested that a letter be sent to the alligator trapper asking for final and complete 2018 records.

**Adjournment:**Chairman Jeffery Bacon adjourned the meeting.

Jeffery Bacon

Chairman

Shontelle Dufrene

Secretary