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MINUTES OF  
MISSISSIPPI GULF FISHING BANKS, INC.  
BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

Ralph Humphrey, President  
David Andrews  
Robert Fishman  
Mark Miller  
Jimmy Sanders  
Nick Morgan  
Jimmy Taylor

Darlene West, Secretary  
Alva Bennett  
Lee Trahan  
J. R. Titmus  
T'Jay Pratt  
Tom Becker

The meeting of July 9th, 2015 was called to order by Ralph Humphrey, President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Copies of the financial statement were distributed and reviewed by the members. A motion was made to accept the minutes as is by Lee Trahan. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote.

MINUTES

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STIMULUS MONEY

Jay Trochesset was not present for the meeting. Nothing new was presented. Ralph Humphrey said he still has not heard anything on the Tidelands Grant application but he has filled out the paperwork for the 2017 Tidelands Grant application.

FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT AND CROWD SOURCING

Ralph Humphrey informed the group there was nothing new on the crowd sourcing.

## CHARGING FEES FOR DUMPING ON MGFBS SITES

This topic has been tabled for now.

## JACKSON COUNTY FUNDING

Mark Miller told the group that he called his JC supervisor, Mike Mangum, and asked him if he knew who the MGFBS was and asked him how we could get on the list and get funding, things like that. Mr. Miller said Mangum said we'd have to go through legislation to get on the list but that they can do ads and things like that probably up to a thousand dollars or so. Mr. Miller said we should keep that in mind if we decide to do a drawdown, any advertising or sponsorships. Mr. Miller said he also contacted Brice Wiggins to ask about getting on the list and Mr. Wiggins said he would look into it. Everyone agreed that we needed to get on the approved donation list for nonprofits. Mr. Miller told the group we should all contact our supervisors and get them familiar with the MGFBS.

## CONCRETE CULVERT DEPLOYMENT

Jimmy Sanders said they were loading as we speak and he's hoping to get out Monday or Tuesday. Mr. Sanders said there were three spots he was looking at, FH2, a spot on the top of FH1 and another spot on the bottom of FH2. Mark Miller suggested we do it all on FH2 and that it might be easier. Mr. Sanders said he was thinking about dividing the material barge into threes. Mr. Sanders said it's a hundred and fifty foot long by sixty foot wide. So there would be three separate deployments off of one barge. Mr. Sanders said he hoped to get the marine survey by Friday and get out Monday or Tuesday.

Ralph Humphrey asked Mr. Sanders if he had multiple deployments scheduled or how was it shaping up. Mr. Sanders said the contractor seems to think he can clear up the staging site in probably three to four barge deployments and each barge would have three deployments. Mr. Sanders said he would keep in contact with Ralph and Mark and keep them updated as to deployments. Mr. Miller said we have a list for deployments at MGFBS.org. Mr. Miller said when he gets the information he will post it.

## HANCOCK BANK

Darlene West told the group that the CD with BancorpSouth was closed out, Mr. Humphrey signed the papers tonight, the signed papers will be taken to Hancock Bank tomorrow and the CD will be opened tomorrow.

David Andrews said there has been a lot of discussion about investing the MGFB money in something that paid a higher rate but that had a little risk. Mr. Andrews said he called the Secretary of State and talked to some people. First of all, the SOS's office said don't ever do that because it looks like we're getting that money to invest it and that would be asking for trouble. But they said if we ever want to do that we could earmark money from anything but a nongovernmental source, like a drawdown or selling T-Shirts. We could keep a separate fund and do anything we wanted with that.

## BILOXI SEAFOOD FESTIVAL BOOTH

J.R. Titmus informed the group he went down to the chamber yesterday and put in the paperwork and paid them the deposit of \$75. The Seafood Festival is September the 12<sup>th</sup> , 10:00 to 9:00 and the 13<sup>th</sup> , 10:00 to 5:00 at Point Cadet.

Mr. Titmus said he is building 13 FADs to donate at the Seafood Festival, four foot long swim noodles. Mr. Titmus said he was going to have them at our booth and for a dollar you can write your name on the big ones, for twenty dollars you can buy a small one and write all over it.

Darlene West asked the group if they still wanted to look into getting bumper stickers and giving them away at the Seafood Festival. Ralph Humphrey asked Ms. West to call and get prices, etc, to have for the next meeting.

## AREA BETWEEN HORN ISLAND AND PETITE BOIS

Ralph Humphrey reiterated to everyone that we were waiting on someone to put together something specific that's a mile north of the fairway but three miles south of the island so we don't have to deal with the sturgeon issue. Nothing was presented at the meeting. Mr. Humphrey said we will carry over until next month.

#### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Ralph Humphrey said Tim Knighten was going to put something together on this issue. Mr. Knighten was not present for the meeting. Mr. Humphrey said we'll carry it over for next month.

#### STORAGE BOXES FOR MGFB TSHIRTS

Darlene West said she hasn't purchased the storage containers yet but that she would do that before the next meeting.

#### CULVERTS SOMEBODY WANTS TO GET RID OF

Ralph Humphrey said last month Tim Knighten had informed everyone that he knew of somebody that may have some culverts he wanted to get rid of. Mr. Humphrey said we will carry this over till next month when Mr. Knighten is present.

Jimmy Taylor asked Jimmy Sanders about the people doing work in the city and donating those culverts. Mr. Sanders said he talked to the man probably about two weeks ago and he's supposed to have lunch with him next week to hash everything out. Mr. Sanders said he also needs to see how things go clearing out the staging site, etc.

#### DERELICT VESSELS IN BAYOU LA BATRE

Last month Tim Knighten said he read an article where there's some derelict vessels in Bayou La Batre. Mr. Knighten said the article talked about all the derelict vessels that they had and that they were trying to get grants to get rid of them. Mr. Knighten said he'll find out more about it. Ralph Humphrey said we'll wait until next month to discuss this further when Tim Knighten is present.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### DIVE REPORT

Mark Miller presented his dive report to the members. A copy was submitted for the minutes.

Mr. Miller said he designed some new FADs, one and a half inch PVC pipe, capped on both ends, tied some burlap to it with a tie wrap. Mr. Miller said he made four of them at a cost of about \$25 apiece. Mr. Miller said he thought it was a good idea to invest in some more of these FADs and that we could maybe sell sponsorships.

David Andrews made a motion to reimburse Mark Miller the \$100 for the FADs and \$400 more – for a total of \$500 – to devote to FADs. Jimmy Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried upon vote.

#### CHANGING BYLAWS

David Andrews said he talked to someone from the Secretary of State's office and at the next election of officers if we want to change our bylaws we can do that. Mr. Andrews said instead of having a quorum of six we can change it to two people so we don't have to worry about having enough people for a vote. Jimmy Taylor said he didn't like that idea because you can have two people that come to every meeting and control the organization. Mr. Andrews said it was just something to think about before the next election.

#### FT. BAYOU BARGES

Robert Fishman said they were out on the boat yesterday in Ft. Bayou and there are a couple of barges that are sunk on the north side of the bridge, in between Washington Bridge and I-10. Ralph Humphrey asked Jimmy Sanders if they knew anything about it. Mr. Sanders said he didn't know anything about it but that they do have a derelict vessel program and he would ask them about it.

Motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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President

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Secretary