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

November 12th, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

Ralph Humphrey, President
David Andrews
Tim Knighten
Jimmy Sanders
Tom Becker
Robert Fishman
Lee Trahan
Jonathan Morgan

Darlene West, Secretary
Alva Bennett
J.R. Titmus
Carly Somerset
Mark Miller
F.J. Eicke
Jay Trochesset
Nick Morgan

The meeting of November 12th, 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 financial statement as is by Tom Becker. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote.

MINUTES

Copies of the minutes 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.

STIMULUS MONEY

Ralph Humphrey said he has not heard anything on stimulus money, nothing on the restore act we applied for. Jay Trochesset said he thinks the government was just doing a song and dance for show and then getting that money back to Jackson. Mr. Trochesset said he talked to two of the six members on the committee and they hadn't heard a word in well over a year. Mr. Humphrey said

he just saw in the news this week that several million dollars had been earmarked for four different projects but he didn't see anything that had to do with reef building.

FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT AND CROWD SOURCING

Ralph Humphrey said he usually gets an email from GoFundMe when there is a deposit and he hasn't gotten anything since this summer when Mark Miller stirred up interest in the account. Mr. Humphrey said it's probably sitting at the \$830.

CHARGING FEES FOR DUMPING ON MGFB SITES

This topic has been tabled for now.

JACKSON COUNTY FUNDING

Mark Miller said a lot of the old supervisors in Jackson County were booted out so this might be a good time to hit them up for money. Ralph Humphrey asked Mark Miller to please forward him the old emails from probably five years ago where the attorney was discussing the perimeters for being on the JC funding list. Mr. Miller said he would see what he could find out. Mr. Miller requested that if there was anybody else from JC that they needed to call their supervisor for support for MGFB.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Ralph Humphrey asked Tim Knighten if he's had a chance to work on the MOU. Mr. Knighten said he was still tied up at work. Mr. Humphrey said we'll just carry this over for later.

CULVERTS SOMEBODY WANTS TO GET RID OF

Tim Knighten said the guy never called him back. Mr. Knighten said he just sent him a text and maybe he'll respond before the meeting is over.

Tom Becker asked if anybody had been in touch with the company that had concrete stacked at Brodie Road and Cedar Lake. Ralph Humphrey asked Jimmy Sanders if he know anything about it. Mr. Sanders said they did have some material there but DMR doesn't have a trucking company on retainer yet so they weren't able to get it. Mr. Sanders said they are currently working on a bid to try to get a company on retainer at this time.

FADS

Ralph Humphrey said this topic would be handled under new business when Mark Miller does his dive report.

CHANGING BYLAWS

Ralph Humphrey said this topic has had been previously tabled until our annual meeting, which is tonight. Mr. Humphrey asked if anyone had any proposed changes to our bylaws. Tim Knighten said he thinks we need to make some but he hadn't really had time to sit down and review the bylaws. Mr. Knighten said he thinks we need to have a workshop session to discuss proposed changes. Mr. Humphrey said the workshop is a good idea but he believes this needs to be handled after deer season. Mr. Humphrey said we should address this issue in January, get some volunteers, set aside a separate day for meeting, come up with proposals and bring to the February or March meeting and present to the group.

FH14

At one of the last meetings, Craig Gusa had said we needed a barge on FH14. Jimmy Sanders said we have not put a barge on there since the hurricane. Mr. Sanders said My Wife II is on FH14 and she's sitting up a little bit. Ralph Humphrey had asked Mr. Miller to make a visit to My Wife II and see what's going on. Mr. Miller said we just haven't had the weather and he was lucky to get some FADs out. Mr. Humphrey said we would carry this topic over until we could get a dive report of FH14.

GULF COUNCIL MEETING

Ralph Humphrey said he was at the Gulf Council Meeting and saw Mark, Jay and Tom there. Mr. Humphrey said he just got an email from Gulf Council a couple of weeks ago and he believes they're still taking comments and he's not sure when they're going to make a decision on Amendment 39.

VHS CONVERTING TO CD

J.R. Titmus brought to the meeting some old VHS tapes that David Andrews had given to him a long time ago. Mr. Titmus said he was trying to copy them onto CDs and get rid of the VHS stuff. Mr. Titmus said some he was able to copy but a lot of them he couldn't get to copy, that he did what he could and he's done with them. Mark Miller said he would take the tapes and try to get Andrew Whitman to do them or find someplace else to copy them. Mr. Miller said we need to

authorize some money for the conversion so he can go ahead and send them off. David Andrews said it's our history and they need to be preserved.

David Andrews made a motion to authorize up to \$500 for converting the old VHS tapes to CDs. Tim Knighten seconded the motion. The motion was carried upon vote.

J.R. Titmus also had a Sector Mobile Area Contingency Plan that he got from the Coast Guard that he wanted to know if anybody wanted. Ralph Humphrey asked, "A contingency plan for what? Nuclear war?" Mr. Titmus said, "The whole Gulf Coast." Mr. Humphrey said he was interested and he would take it upon himself to review the information and get back with the group.

NEW BUSINESS

DIVE REPORT

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

UNDERWATER CAMERA

Mark Miller said the underwater camera had a mishap and flooded. Mr. Miller said he put \$842.06 in it for a camera lens, battery and memory card. Mr. Miller said it needs to be sent to the manufacturer to get the O-rings replaced. The O-ring kit and to replace the moisture alarm is \$580. The total damage is \$1422. Mr. Miller said he's already done the camera but he wanted to ask if the group would pay the \$580 for the O-ring kit.

Jay Trochesset made a motion to write a check for \$580 to NautiCam USA for the O-ring kit for the underwater camera. David Andrews seconded the motion. The motion was carried upon vote

2016 TIDELAND GRANT

Ralph Humphrey asked Jimmy Sanders if he's heard anything from the DMR about the 2016 Tideland Grant. Mr. Sanders said they sent him his results and he only got one out of all the ones he applied for. Mr. Sanders said he didn't think about

asking about ours at the time but he can. Mr. Humphrey said he was going to call Sonya Slater tomorrow.

BOAT SHOW

J.R. Titmus is not going to be in town for the boat show in March. Ralph Humphrey said if anybody is interested in manning the booth and being responsible for the setup and whatnot to let us know. Mr. Titmus said if anybody wants to do the boat show that they need to print a form from online, fill it out, fax it to the boat show, follow up with a phone call and you can pay the fee at the show. The Boat Show is March 4-6, 2016.

SNAPPER

Carly Somerset said they've been validating all their data through October. Ms. Somerset said pretty much the federal data is completely inaccurate. Mr. Humphrey asked if they had had any response from the federal government regarding the data. Ms. Somerset said there hasn't been one yet. Ms. Somerset said the app is working great and she really appreciates everyone's help.

Jay Trochesset said he knew that Alabama started a year before we did in this and he wanted to know if the Gulf Council accepted their findings or not. F.J. Eicke said they haven't accepted any of the states. Mr. Eicke said he gets a newsletter from the Alabama equivalent of the DMR and in the last issue there was an extensive article by Blankenship and from the data he was reporting Alabama's data was like half of what the Feds were saying they caught if not less. Ms. Somerset said it's essentially the same for us. Ms. Somerset said we have solid data and we just need to be consistent a few years and show repeatability and then hopefully they can't ignore it.

DMR DEPLOYMENTS

Jay Trochesset asked Jimmy if the DMR planned on putting anything out in the next four to six months. Jimmy Sanders said they put a lot of stuff out this summer and they were working on trying to get all the material on the point right now. Mr. Sanders said the Hanson Pipe people out of Hattiesburg is willing to truck all of their mistakes down to DMR for free. Mr. Sanders said he has to coordinate the unloading of the material so he can restock their staging site. Mr. Sanders said they have a project with CCA. F.J. Eicke said he wanted to make the group aware that the CCA donated \$25,000 to the Cat Island Reef.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016

Motion was made to retain the current Board of Directors with the exception of removing the DMR Representative and replacing J.R. Titmus as Representative At Large. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote. Motion was made to replace J.R. Titmus with Robert Fishman. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2016

The meeting of 11/12/15 was reopened for the election of officers. Motion was made to retain the current officers by acclamation. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote.

The current 2016 Officers are as follows:

Ralph Humphrey – President
Alva Bennett – Treasurer

Tim Knighten – Vice President
Darlene West - Secretary

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Motion was made to retain the current Board of Directors with the exception of removing the DMR Representative, as per the request of the DMR, and replacing J.R. Titmus as Representative At Large. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote. Motion was made to replace J.R. Titmus with Robert Fishman. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote.

The 2016 Board of Directors is as follows:

Tom Becker – Harrison County
Tim Knighten – Jackson County
Ralph Humphrey – Private Boat
Kenny Barhanovich – Charter Boat

David Andrews – Tourism
At Large – Alva Bennett,
Robert Fishman
Jay Trocheset – Commercial

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.