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

August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

Ralph Humphrey, President  
David Andrews  
Robert Fishman  
Mark Miller  
Jimmy Sanders  
Andrew Whitman  
Larry Schmermund  
Jason Jones  
F. J. Eicke  
Greg Byrd  
Marcus McDavid

Darlene West, Secretary  
Alva Bennett  
Craig Gusa  
J. R. Titmus  
T'Jay Pratt  
Tom Becker  
Chad Shoemake  
Julie Jones  
Kenny Barhanovich  
Vincent Falgo  
Tim Knighten

The meeting of August 13th, 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 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 Craig Gusa. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote.

## STIMULUS MONEY

Jay Trochesset was not present for the meeting. Nothing new was presented. Ralph Humphrey said he is getting emails from the state only because they have his email address but still has not heard anything on the Tidelands Grant application.

## FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT AND CROWD SOURCING

Ralph Humphrey said when he put in on the GoFundMe account for the crowd sourcing that it asked for a specific project and he identified building pyramids. Mr. Humphrey said that was the easiest thing that came to his mind but said that he is certainly open to other suggestions.

Mr. Humphrey informed the group he updated the GoFundMe account recently and Mark Miller had some issues trying to find it. Mr. Miller said he hasn't actually had time to look at it but it was some kind of search thing going on. Mr. Miller said he typed in all kinds of search terms and couldn't find the site.

## CHARGING FEES FOR DUMPING ON MGF B SITES

This topic has been tabled for now.

## JACKSON COUNTY FUNDING

Ralph Humphrey said at the last meeting Mark Miller had suggest we all contact our supervisors about funding. Mr. Humphrey said since this is election time that a lot of the supervisors may change in the next couple of months and so we'll carry this topic over.

## CONCRETE CULVERT DEPLOYMENT

Ralph Humphrey said we will cover this under new business.

## BILOXI SEAFOOD FESTIVAL BOOTH

J.R. Titmus informed the group that he got an email, we've been accepted and he'll get a package in a couple of weeks with passes in it and information on where our space is. Ralph Humphrey said at the next meeting we can touch base as far as helping set up and maybe come down and helping with the booth. 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 showed the group an example of one of his FADs he

was making for the Seafood Festival, 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 informed the group of a quote from Gulf Coast Silk Screening. If we use one color on bumper stickers and order 500, they're 63 cents apiece, a thousand are 39 cents apiece. There was a discussion about what to put on the stickers. Mark Miller said MGFB.org is all you need. David Andrews said he thought the rulers were more practical. Kenny Barhanovich said the DMR is giving the rules out by the thousands. Jimmy Sanders said Melissa Scallion is the one to contact about PR.

David Andrews said we should contact DMR and try to go in half on something. Mr. Andrews said we used to do that, order ten thousand and split them up. Ralph Humphrey said he would contact the DMR. Mr. Humphrey said if the DMR is reluctant to go in halves with us is there any interest in the group for us spending money to have the stickers to hand out.

Mark Miller made a motion that we expend up to \$500, first choice to go with the DMR and get rulers and the second would be Darlene purchasing stickers. David Andrews seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Mr. Humphrey said he would call Melissa with the DMR and let Ms. West know something next week. Robert Fishman said he would also look into the stickers and get back with Ms. West. Ms. West told J.R. Titmus that she would get together a mixed box of T-shirts, hats, etc, for the festival and have it for the next meeting.

#### AREA BETWEEN HORN ISLAND AND PETITE BOIS

Ralph Humphrey said he was glad Greg Byrd was present for the meeting, that we had been talking about him for the last three meetings. Mr. Humphrey said he knew Mr. Byrd put together something before for that close-in fish haven. Mr. Humphrey asked if Mr. Byrd could provide him with the coordinates. Mr. Byrd said he would forward that email to Mr. Humphrey.

#### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Tim Knighten said he has not had time to put together a memorandum. Ralph Humphrey said we would carry this issue over to next month.

#### CULVERTS SOMEBODY WANTS TO GET RID OF

Ralph Humphrey said a couple of months ago Tim Knighten had informed everyone that he knew of somebody that may have some culverts he wanted to get rid of. Mr. Knighten said he was just looking for the guy's number and that he would follow up and have something next month.

Last month, Jimmy Taylor asked Jimmy Sanders about the people doing work in the city and donating those culverts. Jimmy Sanders said he still hasn't had lunch with that guy but that he is working with a bid or a contract with a trucking company to get them over to the staging site.

#### DERELICT VESSELS IN BAYOU LA BATRE

Tim Knighten said he talked to his stepbrother about some of that stuff and his stepbrother said they were cutting up those vessels and getting them out of there. Mr. Knighten said they're not something that we can float. Mr. Knighten said he told him to keep his eyes out for anything useable and he said he would.

#### FADS

Mark Miller said he put four more out. Mr. Miller said he did have a little trouble with some of them getting fouled up so he's kind of held off on it for right now. Mr. Miller said the last four he did with some concrete blocks on the bottom instead of tying them off structure and he put them on one of the culverts. Mr. Miller said he'll check them out and see if they stayed in place and all that kind of stuff before he does any more.

#### CHANGING BYLAWS

Ralph Humphrey said we have to have a quorum to have a meeting, however everybody that's a dues paying member gets a vote. Mr. Humphrey said this was about reducing the amount of people that constitutes a quorum so we wouldn't have to put off issues until the next meeting. Mr. Humphrey proposed we table this until the elections.

Tim Knighten said he thought it would be a good idea to post a copy of our bylaws on the web page. Mr. Knighten said he thinks the bylaws need to be changed

and updated. Mr. Knighten informed the group that the bylaws can be changed at any time we decide to hold a vote as long as we give a certain amount of notice to the members, etc. Ralph Humphrey asked Mr. Knighten to send a copy of the bylaw to Mark Miller and asked Mr. Miller to post them on the web page. Mr. Humphrey proposed we post the bylaws, take the opportunity to read them and come up with ideas of what we need to do to bring them more into tune to what we're doing today and then in October or November when we have elections make the necessary changes. David Andrews told Tim Knighten if he wanted to get a committee together for the bylaws he would be glad to assist him.

## NEW BUSINESS

### DIVE REPORT

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

### WHITMAN'S LOCAL FISHING SHOW

Mark Miller introduced Andrew Whitman to the group. Andrew is starting a small television show about local fishing spots. He went on the last deployment with Mark. Mr. Whitman said the first show was about the local fishing and he incorporated the inshore snapper season trying to draw some attention. Mr. Whitman said he would be glad to sit down with somebody and do a little question and answer as a short segment, put it up on the web site, put it up on the GoFund site. Ralph Humphrey said if there was no objection he'd be glad to be interviewed on behalf of MGFB as the president. David Andrews also suggested that Cotton Fore might be interested in viewing the shows.

### FACEBOOK PAGE

Mark Miller said we get people that post advertisements on our FB page. Mr. Miller said he deleted a few of them but he wanted to get some feedback from the group if he should delete them or if we want the advertisements. Mr. Miller said he thinks they clutter the page. Mr. Miller said people on FB join these groups for the sole purpose of posting advertisements and he tries to weed those out and delete them. David Andrews said we don't receive any money from that so delete them. Ralph Humphrey said delete them.

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