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

February 11th, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

Ralph Humphrey, President
David Andrews
Jimmy Sanders
Mark Miller
Jonathan Morgan
Darla Goodfellow

Darlene West, Secretary
Alva Bennett
Carly Somerset
Robert Fishman
Keith Goodfellow
John Lamb

The meeting of February 11th, 2016 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 Robert Fishman. 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 David Andrews. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote.

STIMULUS MONEY

Ralph Humphrey informed everyone he went online a day or two ago and found our Restore Act request but couldn't get any details out of it so he sent an email and received back a lengthy email from Mark Wyatt. Mr. Humphrey said in a nutshell the email said they're giving the money to the DMR to build reefs with and if we've got more to add we need to go back in there and modify our request. Mr. Humphrey said he sent the email to some members and Mark Miller replied with some pretty good points and that his next task would be to go back to the

Restore Act website and try to beef up our request. Mark Miller added that the way he understood the email was that he didn't differentiate us from the state and that we're under the umbrella of the DMR. Mr. Humphrey said his take-away was that we're doing the same thing as the state and they're already giving money to the state to do it. Mr. Humphrey said he would go back to the website and work on it before the next meeting.

JACKSON COUNTY FUNDING

Ralph Humphrey prepared a letter in regards to JC Funding. He gave a copy to the secretary for the file and a copy to Mark Miller to share with the Board of Supervisors attorney to try to generate some interest. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Humphrey about a letter to Bryce Wiggins that we had previously talked about regarding on the approved nonprofit list in Jackson. Mr. Humphrey said he would work on that letter next.

FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT AND CROWN SOURCING

Ralph Humphrey said the GoFundMe account is still at \$830.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Ralph Humphrey noted that Tim Knighten was not present for the meeting and said we would just carry this over.

CULVERTS SOMEBODY WANTS TO GET RID OF

Tim Knighten had said at a previous meeting that the guy never called him back and that he had sent the guy another text for updated information. Mr. Humphrey said we'll carry this over also.

CHANGING BYLAWS

Ralph Humphrey said he will work on the bylaws and bring something to the next meeting.

GULF COUNCIL MEETING

Ralph Humphrey said they haven't voted on Amendment 39 yet. Apparently, the five gulf states could not decide on how to distribute the allocation, and the gulf states have backed out. Carly Somerset said she thinks they just tabled it for now, not indefinitely, just for now.

2016 TIDELAND GRANT

Ralph Humphrey informed the group again he has an application in for 2017 and this summer he'll probably put in another one for 2018 and see how it goes. Mr. Humphrey said he requested and was provided a copy of the email saying that we were denied for '16 from Sonya Slater, who is the grant administrator for DMR, and we're putting that in our files.

BOAT SHOW

John Lamb volunteered to do the boat show March 4-6, 2016. Mr. Lamb asked for a list of volunteers, etc. Ralph Humphrey volunteered to help and said if anybody is interested in helping out to let Mr. Lamb know.

FUNDING IDEAS

Keith and Darla Goodfellow discussed Bingo with the group. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided we didn't have the resources to hold our own Bingo. However, Darla said on Sundays the Elks do a charity Bingo and if someone was an Elk or knew an Elk that might be our best bet. Ralph Humphrey said he would try to contact the Elks. Darla said she believed David Poulos was the contact at the Elks.

Ralph Humphrey said he joined the Mississippi Center for Nonprofits, the cost was \$125. Mr. Humphrey said he is waiting on a kit with information. Mr. Humphrey said he did receive an email about a workshop costing \$69 in Gulfport. Hopefully, he will have more information to share with the group next month.

Last month, there was a discussion about raffling off a chart plotter loaded down with MGFB numbers. Mr. Humphrey asked if anyone had any more thoughts. Robert Fishman said he would see what he could do with Academy and what kind of budget we needed. Mark Miller said we're out of time because we were going to raffle something off for the boat show. Jonathan Morgan said we could approach some of the fishing tournaments, get a booth and raffle off something. Mark Miller said we should focus on the chart chips. Robert Fishman said he knew a distributor and he'll get in touch with him and see if he could donate something.

Mark Miller made a motion that we authorize up to \$500 to get SD cards or some type of things we can raffle off. Ralph Humphrey said we did not have a quorum

and he's reluctant to spend that kind of money until all the bugs have been worked out of our idea. Keith Goodfellow suggested we contact Standard Mapping and try to work out a deal with them. Mark Miller suggested we table this until we have more information.

DMR TRUCKING BID

Jimmy Sanders said he is still on standby on the bid. Mr. Sanders said Precast Design is still bringing stuff over and they told him they got enough to fill up the yard.

NEW BUSINESS

CAPT EICKE EMAIL REGARDING OMEGA PROTEIN

Ralph Humphrey said FJ Eicke has written the State on behalf of CCA vehemently opposing the bill Bryce Wiggins tried to backdoor allowing Omega Protein to keep redfish. Mr. Humphrey said we will watch what happens on this.

DMR FOR HIRE TASK FORCE

Mark Miller said DMR set up a For Hire Task Force with seven people on it to vote and make recommendations. Mr. Miller said there are three that have federal permits, one multi-passenger, three that don't have federal permits, one is offshore and two inshore. Mr. Miller said he is on the task force, he doesn't have a federal permit, he has a state permit. Mr. Miller said he is interested in feedback from everybody.

DMR MAPPING

Jimmy Sanders said the mapping is complete, that they're working on the data right now. Mr. Sanders said it would show the structure name, the depth that the structure is in, the height, the clearance of that structure, etc. Mr. Sanders said this would be provided to the public on DMR's website. Mr. Humphrey asked him to keep us informed.

42040 WEATHER BUOY

Robert Fishman asked if anyone knew about the 42040 weather buoy. Mr. Fishman said he heard they chopped it up and they're putting a little three meter buoy out there.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary