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

March 10th, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

Ralph Humphrey, President

David Andrews

Jimmy Sanders

Mark Miller

Tim Knighten

Jay Trochesset

Rebecca Horton

Darlene West, Secretary

Alva Bennett

Tom Becker

Robert Fishman

T'Jay Pratt

Lee Trahan

Bryant Horton

The meeting of March 10th, 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.

Darlene West informed the members that the account balance was getting low and we probably needed to transfer money into our working checking account. After discussion, it was agreed to transfer \$5000 to the checking account. Tim Knighten suggested getting with the bank and seeing when the account matured and then transferring the money so we wouldn't be penalized. Lee Trahan suggested also getting information on what new rates we could get on the remaining money.

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 that he went into our funding request and updated the information and all we can do is keep our fingers crossed. Mr. Humphrey also reminded the group we do have a Tidelands Grand application request in for 2017 and another one will be submitted this summer for 2018.

JACKSON COUNTY FUNDING

Ralph Humphrey prepared a letter in regards to JC Funding and gave that letter to Mark Miller. Mark Miller said he gave the letter to Tristan Armer and they had a pretty length discussion. Mr. Miller said Mr. Armer felt that he needed to re-write the letter and Mr. Miller told him that was fine. Mr. Humphrey said he doesn't mind if the letter is re-written. Mr. Miller said he hasn't gotten back to him yet but that Mr. Armer thinks we're beating a dead horse. Mr. Humphrey said he has been in contact with Bryce Wiggins and hoped that Mr. Wiggins would be back in contact with him soon. Mr. Miller said he also sent a text to Mr. Wiggins and hasn't heard back yet.

Mr. Humphrey also informed everyone that he had been provided by the Mississippi Center for Non-Profits with a list of several sites that offer grants. Mr. Humphrey said some are pretty obscure but there's a bunch of different sites from all over the world and it was going to take some time to go through all the information. Mr. Humphrey said he'd make a stab at it but needed some help. Tim Knighten and Mark Miller volunteered to help sort through some of the information if Mr. Humphrey would send them the link.

FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT AND CROWN SOURCING

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

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Ralph Humphrey asked Tim Knighten about the MOU. Mr. Knighten said he has been busy with work. Mr. Humphrey said we would just carry this over.

CULVERTS SOMEBODY WANTS TO GET RID OF

Tim Knighten said he did talk to the guy about these culverts and he had hoped he would have come to the meeting tonight since he seemed excited about getting involved a little bit. Mr. Knighten told Jimmy Sanders the guy still did have the culverts over in Gulfport on the seaway. Jimmy Sanders said he just got 40

something culverts from TCB Construction today. Mr. Knighten thinks that was the same culverts and said he would follow up with the guy.

CHANGING BYLAWS

Ralph Humphrey said this was his IOU and that between the Boat Show and skiing and screwing off this month he didn't do anything on it. Everyone in the group expressed sympathy for Mr. Humphrey's busy month. Mr. Humphrey said he promises to work on this before the next meeting.

2016 TIDELAND GRANT

Ralph Humphrey said he already touched base on this earlier and we will continue to carry it over.

BOAT SHOW

Ralph Humphrey said the Boat Show was a big bust, not a lot of people showed up and he wasn't sure the benefit outweighed the cost. Mr. Humphrey said he had a couple of people that didn't live in town sign up to get emails but they didn't join the organization, two T-shirts were sold, gave away a \$100 gift certificate for Ruth's Chris Steak House that Bryant Horton, who was present at the meeting, won, and he also has a bucket with a fishing rod from Academy. Mr. Humphrey thanked everyone that helped and gathered stuff for the raffle.

FUNDING IDEAS

Ralph Humphrey said he was supposed to call David Poulos in connection with Bingo at the Elks. Mr. Humphrey said he will add that to his list of to-dos.

Mr. Humphrey said he received an email from Reed Hendon with the GCRL to get together with him on the data collection that they wanted to hire us to do to place collection boxes of some sort out. Mr. Humphrey said they're going to pay our organization \$1200 a pop to deploy. Mr. Humphrey stated he hopes to meet with them next week.

DMR TRUCKING BID

Jimmy Sanders said they are still bringing him stuff and unloading it. He'll keep us updated.

DMR MAPPING

Jimmy Sanders brought some samples of the maps to show the members. Mr. Humphrey said we'll be keeping an eye on the website for the maps.

NEW BUSINESS

DIVE REPORT

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

ACADEMY SEMINARS

Robert Fishman said he talked to Matt Smtih with Academy and they were going to have a couple of seminars during the summer there in D'Iberville and we were welcome to bring stuff and set up a booth. Mr. Fishman will keep us updated.

SNAPPER SEASON

Tim Knighten asked Jimmy Sanders if he's heard anything about snapper season. Mr. Sanders said he hasn't heard anything yet but he thinks it will probably be like last year. Mr. Humphrey said the State recommended that they open it up Memorial Day and close it Labor Day for State waters.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary