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

April 14th, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

Ralph Humphrey, President
David Andrews
Jimmy Sanders
Mark Miller
Jay Trochesset
Clarence Seymour
Kenny Barhanovich
Tim Knighten

Darlene West, Secretary
Alva Bennett
T'Jay Pratt
Robert Fishman
Marcus McDavid
Lee Trahan
Keith Goodfellow

The meeting of April 14th, 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 Lee Trahan. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote.

After checking with the bank, Darlene West informed the members that the Money Market account would mature in the middle of May and money could be withdrawn at that time. Ms. West said Alva Bennett was on the account and she would get with Mr. Bennett after the 15th to withdraw funds and check into depositing the money into another account.

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 there have been no updates on the BP money. Mr. Humphrey said that as far as the Tidelands Grant application we won't find out anything about the 2017 grant until close to the end of the year but that he did receive the application for the 2018 grant from the DMR. Mr. Humphrey also stated that he received some information on workshops for the grant application process and since they're on a weekday he would try to attend one of the workshops.

JACKSON COUNTY FUNDING

Mark Miller said he has heard no news on the JC Funding. Ralph Humphrey asked Mr. Miller if they had rewrote the letter and Mr. Miller said he would send a text and try to find out what's going on.

Mr. Humphrey asked Mark Miller and Tim Knighten if they received the email from him about the grant links. Mr. Miller said he got busy and didn't do anything on it yet. Mr. Knighten said he didn't remember receiving it. Mr. Humphrey said he would re-send the information to Mr. Knighten.

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 but he didn't have any new information yet. Mr. Humphrey said we'll carry it over until next month.

CHANGING BYLAWS

Ralph Humphrey said he didn't have time to work on the bylaws and that he would have something at the next meeting.

2016 TIDELAND GRANT

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

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 had a meeting with one of the guys that works with Reed Hendon at the GCRL on this data collection project. Mr. Humphrey said he sent Mark Miller a text message after the meeting and that the guy was going to get with Mr. Miller about the project. Mr. Miller said he never heard anything from the guy. Mr. Humphrey said hopefully Mr. Miller could get with the guy and work out the details of the operation.

DMR TRUCKING BID

Jimmy Sanders said he's not receiving anything right now because the people got busy but when they start slowing down they'll start up again.

Kenny Barhanovich asked about the stuff on Lee Street. Mr. Sanders said he just talked to a guy on Monday or Tuesday and told him they were interested in the culverts and don't do anything with them. Mr. Sanders said the guy said they could have them. He'll keep us updated.

DMR MAPPING

Ralph Humphrey asked Jimmy Sanders how the mapping was going. Mr. Sanders said he thinks next IT would update the site and that could possibly take another year but it would consist of the area, what was deployed, the lat and long, the name of it, the depth and the clearance. Mr. Humphrey said we'll be keeping an eye on the website for the maps.

ACADEMY SEMINARS

Robert Fishman said he hasn't heard anything yet. Mr. Humphrey said we'll keep this topic open.

SNAPPER SEASON

Ralph Humphrey said he wanted to make the suggestion that we don't get too wrapped up with snapper season and that type of thing because he doesn't want to see a division here amongst the members. Mark Miller said he heard they were updating the app, such as with discards because that's a big thing with their counts. Mr. Miller said there is a lot of controversy about whether they should do

that or not but that he thinks the Feds are going to require it. Jay Trochesset said they really need the numbers because they're fighting the government with their numbers. Mr. Trochesset said that they're going to put DMR people on like nine trips on people for hire and then when they open the state season they're going to ask some recreational people to put them on but they'll pay the recreational people.

Mark Miller said Louisiana Snapper Season is open and that FH6 and FH12 are in Louisiana waters. Mr. Miller said if you get a Louisiana license and their landing permit and use the Tails and Scales app you can go over to FH6 and FH12 and catch snapper right now. Jay Trochesset said he specifically asked Dr. Lucas about FH6 and FH12 being MGFB reefs and that they're now in Louisiana waters and what's going to happen if we go fish it. Mr. Trochesset said they basically said Louisiana is not going to fool with you.

NEW BUSINESS

EICHE EMAIL

Ralph Humphrey said he received an email from F.J. Eiche with the CCA regarding the situation with the ½ mile versus the mile purse seine boats in Jackson County. Apparently in Harrison County and Hancock County, the boats are restricted to a mile from the beach, but in Jackson County, they have a self-imposed restriction of a half mile from the beach. Mr. Humphrey said Eiche and the CCA are trying to get MGFB support in their effort to move the purse seine boats in Jackson County a mile out to be more consistent with the other two counties and to be more consistent with the by-catch. There is a resolution before the CMR next Tuesday. After discussion, the group voted to not take a stand on this situation at this time.

SUMMER DEPLOYMENTS

Jay Trochesset asked Jimmy Sanders what he had in mind in the summer as far as deployments. Mr. Sanders said as of right now in federal/state waters the Lee Street stuff. Mr. Sanders said excluding the Lee Street stuff he was going to let the staging site build back up to get more bang for the buck. Mr. Sanders said they are gearing up for a tremendous amount of sampling.

Mark Miller asked about the boxes he saw on Facebook. Mr. Sanders said that's juvenile reef habitats. Mr. Sanders said they had some extra money so they bid out some habitats and Walters in Orange Beach won the bid. Mr. Sanders said he's actually going tomorrow to inspect some of it and he'll probably come in next month to talk to us about areas to deploy it. Mr. Sanders stated he kind of wanted to stair-step it in 14, 3 and maybe 2 and 13 or something like that.

SOUTH OF SQUASH CHANNEL

Kenny Barhanovich said they fish a lot in the spring and that we need to put something south of Squash Channel, like a barge or something around FH14. David Andrews asked how deep the water was there. Mr. Barhanovich said between thirty-five and forty feet. Mr. Barhanovich said we need something high there. Mark Miller said he thought the clearance was twenty feet. There was a lot of simultaneous individual discussion going on, and then thankfully, Lee Trahan made a motion to adjourn.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary