Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

Mississippi Oyster Task Force Meeting

**Date:** June 4, 2020

**Location:** Teleconference held at the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR), 1141 Bayview Ave, Biloxi, MS 39530

**Attendees by Phone:**

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**Attendees in Conference Room:**

- Joe Jewell
- Erik Broussard
- Traci Floyd
- Kristina Broussard

**No Other Attendees**
Minutes from the June 4, 2020
Meeting of the Mississippi Oyster Task Force

The Mississippi Oyster Task Force met by teleconference on June 4, 2020 at 5:00 PM in the 2nd Floor Marine Fisheries Conference Room of the MDMR’s Bolton Building in Biloxi.

AGENDA:

A. Roll call – Kristina Broussard

B. Assignment of a Chair and Co-Chair for the Task Force

Motion 1: Nomination of Officers: Reelect John Livings as Chair and Andrew Livings as Cochair of the Oyster Task Force.

First: Walter Boasso
Second: Andrew Livings
Passed: 5-0 Unanimous

C. 2019 Bonnet Carré Update – Joe Jewell

D. CARES Act Update – Traci Floyd

Motion 2: To take some of the money and spend it on preventative studies for future openings of the Bonnet Carré Spillway (BCS).

First: Dennis Laubmeir
Second: John Livings
Failed: 4-1
Motion 3: Substitute motion to Motion 2 – To get someone from LA to come to MS and explain the BCS operating system including the dredging issues at the mouth of the MS River. Motioned tabled.
   First: Walter Boasso
   Second: John Livings
   Tabled

Motion 4: Prepare a resolution to get with LA to come up with a joint protection project with MS. This joint protection program would include a study and construction of a removable barrier to divert water from the BCS south between Cat Island and the Chandelier Islands.
   First: Walter Boasso
   Second: John Livings
   Passed: 5-0 Unanimous

Motion 5: For some of the 2019 BCS funds to be spent on dealers and fishermen for work programs and direct payments, includes all components of the grant, to restore the resources. Dealers and fishermen to be involved in all disbursements of these funds.
   First: John Livings
   Second: Andrew Livings
   Passed: 5-0 Unanimous

E. Review and Discussion of the Standard Operating Procedures for a Task Force

Motion 6: To adopt by-laws (SOP) as revised. Revisions include the CMR making the Oyster Task Force a permanent body and restructuring of the voting and non-voting members.
   First: Dennis Laubmeir
   Second: John Livings
   Passed: 5-0 Unanimous

F. Other Business: No other business

G. Public Comments: No public comments

H. Adjourn

Motion 7: Adjourn the meeting.
   First: Walter Boasso
   Second: Andrew Livings
   Passed: 5-0 Unanimous