**MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2022, REGULAR MEETING**

**Board of Commissioners of**

**Bayou D’Arbonne Lake Watershed District**

Union Parish Courthouse Annex

303 East Water Street

Farmerville, LA 71241

6:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call – Terry Morris called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commission members present were Terry Morris, Todd DeMoss, Richard Royal, Steve Cagle, and Clint Graham. Ken Myers was absent. Bill Carter was also present.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Clint Graham led the invocation and Richard Royal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comment Registration – No one signed up for public comment.

D. Agenda Approval – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Clint Graham to approve the July 2022 Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Todd DeMoss to approve the minutes of the June 2022 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Financial Reports/Budget/Audit:

1. Approve June 2022 Bank Account Summary – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Clint Graham to table this item. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve June 2022 Bank Statement Reconciliation - Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Clint Graham to table this item. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve June 2022 Financial Report– Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Clint Graham to table this item. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Old and New Business:

* + 1. Terral Island Boat Launch Improvements Project – Steve Cagle said that the project is complete other than the repairs to the pier.
		2. Spillway Beach Improvements – Richard Royal said that all of the sand has been placed on the beach and it is open to the public. Todd DeMoss asked if the area near the boat launch is considered a no wake zone and Steve Cagle said that the state law says that every boat launch area is a no wake zone up to 300 feet from the launch. Several of the Commission members discussed placing no wake signs at various boat launches.
		3. Boat Launch Areas – General Maintenance / Improvements – Richard Royal said that all of the current ramp projects are mostly complete.

In an unrelated matter, Terry Morris informed the Commission members that the new lake level gauge installed at the Rocky Branch Bridge was stolen and needs to be replaced. Mr. Morris said that he spoke with Ben Humphries with Delta Process who suggested that the gauge be reinstalled under the bridge to make it more difficult for people to reach. Mr. Morris said that Marshall Hill with DOTD indicated DOTD would install another gauge under the bridgeand Delta Process would only charge the Commission for the gauge and not the labor for installation. He said the cost of a new gauge is $1,389.00. Motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Clint Graham to authorize the purchase of a new gauge for the Rocky Branch Bridge and allow Delta Process and DOTD to facilitate the installation. The motion passed unanimously.

* + 1. Boat Launch Fees – Status – Richard Royal said that to date in 2022, $42,274.85 has been collected in daily launch fees and permit sales.
		2. Channel Markers – Bill Carter said that he spoke with Neal DeForest who informed him that the buoys were ordered and should be delivered in the near future.
		3. Crappie Regulations – Bill Carter said that Ryan Daniel of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries informed him that the public comment period is open until August 31, 2022, and anyone who wants to make a public comment on the proposed regulations can do it online or call or email Mr. Daniel. He said the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will thereafter vote on the regulations at one of its upcoming meetings.
		4. Lake Drawdown Schedule – Bill Carter said that he spoke with a representative of the Lake Claiborne Lake Commission and their drawdown schedule is on a 7-year cycle, with the next drawdown scheduled in 2023 after Labor Day. Mr. Carter said that the drawdown of Lake D’Arbonne should not be done at the same time as the drawdown for Lake Claiborne. Mr. Carter reiterated that the public needs to be informed and given a chance to comment prior to revising the drawdown schedule. Richard Royal suggested having the public’s input at the Commission meeting in August and vote on the revised drawdown schedule at the September meeting.
		5. Reminders:

(a) Louisiana Annual Ethics Training (Due December 31) – Terry Morris reminded the Commission members that the ethics training was due before the end of the year.

* + - 1. Annual Financial Disclosure (Due May 15) - Terry Morris reminded the Commission members that the Annual Financial Disclosure was due by May 15, 2022.

H. Public Comment – No one signed up for public comment.

I. Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Clint Graham. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.