**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2023 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 Steve Cagle, Ken Myers and Steve Adams. Richard Royal, Clint Graham and Todd DeMoss were absent. Bill Carter and Neal DeForest were also present.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Terry Morris led the invocation and Steve Cagle led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comment Registration – One person signed up for public comment.

D. Agenda Approval – Motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Steve Adams to approve the October 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Steve Adams and seconded by Steve Cagle to approve the minutes of September 2023 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Financial Reports/Budget/Audit:

1. Approve September 2023 Bank Account Summary – Motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Ken Myers to approve the September 2023 Bank Account Summary. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve September 2023 Bank Statement Reconciliation - Motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Steve Adams to approve the September 2023 Bank Statement Reconciliation. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve September 2023 Financial Report – Motion was made by Steve Adams and seconded by Steve Cagle to approve the September 2023 Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Old and New Business:

1. Boat Launch Areas - General Maintenance / Improvements – Terry Morris reiterated the comment from the last meeting regarding the roadbed on ramp road and said that it needs to be repaired soon. Motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Ken Myers to spend up to $1,000.00 on concrete for the necessary repairs at Highway 33 ramp road. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Tainter Gate Report – Terry Morris said that the gear box mechanisms are repaired and both gates are now operational. He also said that two additional backup mechanisms will be kept for future use.
3. Fish Stocking Program – Terry Morris said that he spoke with a representative of the Claiborne Lake Commission regarding fish purchases and was told that they use American Sport Fish Hatchery in Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Morris said that this particular hatchery was also one of Ryan Daniel’s recommendations. Mr. Morris spoke to the hatchery owner, Shawn McNulty, who indicated that he would prepare a recommended stocking program for Lake D’Arbonne. Mr. Morris said Mr. McNulty’s preference was Tiger Bass, but that the Commission should use the recommendation of LDWF. He said that Tiger Bass grow faster and may typically result in 10-12 pound mature fish while Florida Bass grow slower but may result in 15 pound mature fish. Mr. McNulty said that two-inch fingerling Tiger Bass cost 50 cents each and that when placed in a lake in the spring have a very good survival rate and will typically grow to 12 inches by the fall.
4. Ryan Willis Project No Opposition Request – Bill Carter passed out documents provided by Mr. Willis that day which appear to include information that was requested regarding elevations, specifications, etc. Mr. Carter pointed out that Neal DeForest, the Commission Engineer, was out of town and would have to review upon his return.
5. Reminders: (a) Louisiana Annual Ethics Training (Due December 31), and (b) Annual Financial Disclosure (Due May 15) – Terry reminded everyone about the Ethics training and Financial Disclosure filing.

H. Public Comment – Larry Reeves commented that at the last meeting he attended, he requested that channel markers be installed through the Walnut Tree area and Steve Cagle responded that they have been installed. Mr. Reeves then asked if the Commission would install a port-a-john at Hog Pen Landing and Terry Morris stated that he would look into that.

1. Adjourn - A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Steve Adams. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.