Minutes of October 27, 2014

Bayou D’Arbonne Lake Watershed District Commission

Union Parish Courthouse Annex, 303 East Water Street

Farmerville, LA 71241

1. President Steve Cagle called the meeting to order. Present were Don Hogan, David Hopkins, Noel James, Joe Rainer, Edward Lee, and Terri Towns.
2. Mr. Lee led the invocation, and Mr. Hogan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The agenda was approved. Motion by Mr. Lee and a second by Mr. Hopkins. The motion passed unanimously.
4. The minutes of the September 15, 2014 meeting were approved after a motion by Mr. Hogan and a second by Mr. Lee. The motion passed unanimously.
5. The treasurer’s report September 2014 was presented and approved. Motion by Mr. Hopkins and a second by Mr. Lee. The motions passed unanimously.
6. Old and New Business:

Channel Markers - Update – Mr. Ron Riley commented that an advertisement for bids for the pile driving project was published in The Farmerville Gazette. There were no valid bids received.

Mega Ramp on Hwy 33 – Update (Authority for President to sign documents related to proposed project) – Mr. Ron Riley stated that in 2008 the Louisiana Legislature passed a ruling that requires a minimum of 25% of non-state match for a Capital Outlay project. The Capital Outlay request is for $2,554,316. The 25% is anticipated to come from an in kind valuation of land with an appraisal and grants submitted to Wildlife and Fisheries for the Wallop-Breaux funds and a commitment from the Lake commission for $54,886 in cash. Mr. Riley stated that the land was appraised and the commission can use that value towards the 25%. Also, the commission can receive $175,000 from the Wallop-Breaux funds. The other source of funds would be the State Park. An application has not been submitted at this time. Motion was made by Mr. Lee for the President, Mr. Cagle, to sign all documents related to the Mega Ramp, Wallop-Breaux, Capital Outlay, and the State Park. Second was made by Mr. Hogan. Motion passed unanimously.

Catfish Hogging – Update – Mr. Bill Carter commented that he has been in contact with the lawyers of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and sent them a revised ordinance with issues concerning Catfish Hogging. Upon further review, Mr. Carter stated that the mechanisms that he had in the ordinance will probably not be able to be used because of the Wildlife and Fisheries laws. Mr. Carter will draft a new document to approach the Catfish Hogging issue from a trespassing point of view.

DOTD Ramp Transfers – Update – (Resolution & Cooperative Endeavor Agreement) – Motion was made by Mr. James to not execute the DOTD resolution or the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for DOTD to transfer Ramp road to District ownership. Second was made by Mr. Lee. Motion passed.

Water Sales – Update – Mr. James stated that Southwest Energy is buying water from one of the water systems. Mr. James questioned the water sales from Lake D’Arbonne. Mr. Cagle stated that water could not be sold from the lake because of Lake D’Arbonne being a scenic waterway. Mr. Rainer will consult with the Mayor of Farmerville in reference to the water sales from the lake.

Terral Island Park Survey - Update – Mr. Carter made comments in reference to the Terral Island Survey. He stated that Mr. Riley, Mr. James, Mr. Hopkins, and himself will determine the issues and report the possible solutions at the next meeting.

Tainter Gate – Update - Mr. Hogan made a motion to formally adopt the gate opening plan and furnish DOTD with a signed document. Second was made by Mr. Lee. Motion passed unanimously.

Spillway Repairs - Update – Mr. Riley stated that he will continue working with DOTD in reference to the repairs and additions at the Spillway. The Commission voted to add removal of the Farmerville side high water ramp below the spillway to the list of work to be performed at the spillway, per the agreement with the Attorney General and DOTD several years ago. The Commission voted to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 8 provided it is approved by DOTD and the lake attorney.

1. Public Comment: No Public comment.
2. Adjourn: Motion by Mr. Rainer, seconded by Mr. Hogan. The motion passed unanimously.