**MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2015**

**Board of Commissioners of**

**Bayou D’Arbonne Lake Watershed District Regular Meeting**

Union Parish Courthouse Annex

303 East Water Street

Farmerville, LA 71241

1. Roll Call – President Steve Cagle called the meeting to order. Commission members present were Steve Cagle, David Hopkins, Edward Lee and Terri Towns. Also present were Ron Riley, Bill Carter, Rob Shadoin, Robert Lemoine, Mark Rainwater, and Tracy Ambrose.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Mrs. Towns led the invocation, and Mr. Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comment Registration – Steve Cagle asked if anyone wanted to make a public comment to complete the form.
4. Agenda Approval – Motion was made by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mrs. Towns to approve the January agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Lee to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Treasurer's Reports – The November and December 2014 treasurer’s reports were presented. Motion was made by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mrs. Towns to approve the reports. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Old and New Business:

Channel Markers - Update – Ron Riley had nothing to report. Mr. Hopkins stated that Ron Riley shall be involved in installing all poles. Mr. Cagle said he had the wrappers for the existing poles ready to go on, that it’s just a matter of getting them on.

Mega Ramp on Hwy 33 – Update – Ron Riley stated that a preliminary determination has been made that a Section 404 and Section 10 permit would be required by the Corps of Engineers.

DOTD Ramp Transfers – Update – Steve Cagle stated that since this was voted against in November, it is not an issue at this time.

Water Sales – Update –Bill Carter stated that the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources advised him that if water is sold from the lake, they will sell it and the process is in place. If Southwest wants to purchase water from the lake, they will have to go to the Department of Natural Resources themselves.

Terral Island Park Survey - Update – David Hopkins and Bill Carter plan to meet with the landowners involved.

Tainter Gate – Update - Ron Riley stated that the project is closed and out of warranty. Steve Cagle stated that the DOTD and electricians are working on the Tainter Gate so you will see it going up and down and sounding the alarm. Jeff Shapiro of DOTD has the electricians coming who will work on it tomorrow morning.

Steve Cagle stated that the opening of the tainter gate in December went smoothly. There was then general discussion about possible revision of the Tainter Gate Opening Plan. Terri Towns made a motion recommending revising the Plan to close one gate at 81.6 feet and close the second gate at 81.0 feet as long as water is predicted to fall. The motion was second by David Hopkins. Bill Carter suggested general language that this could be modified by DOTD, Lake Commission President and Commission Engineer. Terri Towns amended the motion to include communication between Lake Commission, Marshall Hill and the Commission Engineer before closing the gates to examine other factors and variables and approve any variation of the plan, and that gates be opened when the lake reaches 82.25 feet or predicted to reach 82.25 feet. The amended motion was second by David Hopkins and passed unanimously.

Spillway Repairs - Update – Ron Riley stated he decided on actual items to be included in the project. He said items to be addressed were included in the last Dam Safety Inspection Report. A downstream level gauge will also be installed. Steve Cagle asked about the access gate on the south end of the spillway. Ron Riley suggested that another access gate be installed on the south end of the spillway where it is steep. Mr. Riley stated that only one of the spillway sluice gates were currently operating but hopefully one or two more could be repaired.

1. Public Comment: No public comments. Mr. Cagle welcomed Tracy Ambrose.
2. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Towns, seconded by Mr. Hopkins. The motion passed unanimously.