**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2021 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 – Jake Halley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commission members present were Jake Halley, Terry Morris, Todd DeMoss, and Richard Royal. Steve Cagle, Clint Graham, and Ken Myers were absent. Also present were Bill Carter and Neal DeForest.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Terry Morris 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 Terry Morris to approve the February 2021 Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Todd DeMoss to approve the minutes of the January 2021 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Financial Reports/Budget/Audit:

1. Approve January 2021 Bank Account Summary – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Terry Morris to approve the January 2021 Bank Account Summary. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve January 2021 Bank Statement Reconciliation - Motion was made by Todd DeMoss and seconded by Terry Morris to approve the January 2021 Bank Statement Reconciliation. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve January 2021 Financial Report – Motion was made by Todd DeMoss and seconded by Richard Royal to approve the January 2021 Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Old and New Business:

* + 1. Channel Markers Project - Reimbursement – Neal Deforest passed out a reconciliation of the Channel Marker Project from GOHSEP and said that the balance of $13,782.26 is the remaining reimbursement. He indicated that none of the expenses are being contested and the final reimbursement is being processed although he does not have a timeline of when to expect it.
    2. Spillway Beach Area Improvements/Spillway Bayou Access Road Improvements – Neal DeForest said that the remaining items which are signage, cables, and buoys have been determined and this phase of the project is ready to be sent out for quotes.
    3. Lake Level Gauges – Neal DeForest said that someone who has authority to sign for the Commission will have to fill out paperwork at the Union Parish Police Jury, 911 Office, and the Sanitation Office in order to obtain a building permit. Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Terry Morris to authorize any Commissioner to sign any documents necessary to obtain the permit. The motion passed unanimously.
    4. Lighting at Boat Launches – Todd Demoss said that after looking at the chart provided by Entergy, there are a couple of different options but as discussed previously, the Commission had discussed installing LED lights. Motion was made by Todd DeMoss and seconded by Terry to purchase the best LED lights available from Entergy for the North Spillway and Terral Island launches and authorize any Commissioner to sign appropriate paperwork to accomplish purchasing the lights from Entergy. The motion passed unanimously.
    5. Boat Launch / Ramp / Sign Maintenance – Jake Halley said that a local fisherman who wanted to remain anonymous donated 12 loads of gray rock at Jake’s Landing. He also said that he is in the process of obtaining used belt material from the papermill to install at some of the launches. Several Commission members discussed the damage that occurred over the winter storm from citizens on ATVs and remedies for prosecution of the person or people who caused the damage.
    6. Conveyance of Ramps and Roads by DOTD to Commission / Consider Resolution to Accept Ownership from DOTD of Designated Ramps and Approaches in Exchange for Improvements and Project and Maintain Costs – Bill Carter said that the Resolution was drafted based on the information provided by DOTD and it will authorize the Commission to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with DOTD to transfer ownership of the designated ramps. Mr. Carter reiterated to the Commissioners that the funds to be given to the Commission for the transfer are for 40 years of estimated maintenance costs and they should begin formulating a plan for the funds. Jake Halley said that he would like to get a committee together for a long-term maintenance plan and the possibility of ramp maintenance fees. Several Commission members talked about a potential plan for the anticipated funds from DOTD as well as potential revenue streams in the future to maintain the ramps. The Commissioners agreed to continue to discuss these issues in the near future.
    7. Lake Closure / No Wake Policy – Union Parish Police Jury Ordinance – No action taken.
    8. Lake Drawdown Policy Revisions – Bill Carter said that Jake Halley should provide the proposed language for the revisions to the Lake Drawdown Policy and Mr. Carter will add it to the Policy and the Commission can adopt it at the next meeting.

* + 1. Sediment Erosion Near Mann Road/D’Arbonne Bluffs Subdivision (Prospective Litigation with Developers of D’Arbonne Bluffs Subdivision) – No action taken.
    2. FEMA Hurricane Claims – No action taken.
    3. Annual Financial Disclosure (Due May 15) – No action taken.

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

I. Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Todd DeMoss. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.