**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 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 Terry Morris, Richard Royal, Steve Cagle, and Ken Myers. Todd DeMoss, Clint Graham, and Steve Adams were absent. Also present were Bill Carter and Neal DeForest.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Richard Royal led the invocation and Ken Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comment Registration – No one signed up for public comment.

D. Agenda Approval – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Ken Myers to approve the February 2023 Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Ken Myers to approve the minutes of the January 2023 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Financial Reports/Budget/Audit:

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

G. Old and New Business:

1. Boat Launch Areas - General Maintenance / Improvements – Richard Royal said that there is some erosion next to the road at the Stowe Creek ramp that needs to be addressed. Mr. Royal also said that Brandon Maxwell with Origin Bank contacted him regarding donating picnic tables to install at the Spillway Beach area and those will be ready in the near future. He also suggested adding new sand at the Beach and stated that the budget includes a $10,000 expenditure for sand at the Beach. Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Steve Cagle to expend up to $10,000 to add new sand to the Beach. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Boat Launch Fees - Status – Richard Royal said that to-date for 2023, $6,986.53 has been collected in daily launch fees and permit sales.
3. Channel Markers – Neal DeForest said the buoys and lights should ship within the next two weeks. He also said that Julia Letlow’s office continues to be diligent about the FEMA reimbursement, but the reimbursement has not yet been received.
4. Lake Drawdown Schedule – Terry Morris said that Ryan Daniel with LDWF will be at the March 2023 meeting.
5. Tainter Gate Report - Terry Morris said that the DOTD informed him that the operating mechanism for the south gate is broken and needs to be repaired. He said that the manufacturer and the contractor inspected the gate and determined that the mechanism will have to be removed and sent to Houston, Texas for repair. Mr. Morris said that the north gate was also inspected and that mechanism could fail in the near future as well and needs to be repaired. DOTD has received emergency funding to repair both gate mechanisms and they are working to get them repaired expeditiously.
6. 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 – No public comment.

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