**MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2019 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 – Trotter Hunt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commission members present were Trotter Hunt, Steve Cagle, Cary Brown and Jake Halley. Also present was Neal DeForest and Bill Carter.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance - Jake Halley led the invocation and Steve Cagle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comment Registration - No one signed up for public comment.

D. Agenda Approval – Motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Jake Halley to approve the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Cary Brown and seconded by Jake Halley to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2019 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Financial Reports/Budget/Audit:

1. Approve May, 2019 Bank Account Summary – Motion was made by Jake Halley and seconded by Cary Brown to approve the May, 2019 Bank Account Summary. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve May, 2019 Bank Statement Reconciliation – Motion was made by Jake Halley and seconded by Cary Brown to approve the May, 2019 Bank Statement Reconciliation. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve May, 2019 Financial Report – Motion was made by Jake Halley and seconded by Cary Brown to approve the May, 2019 Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Old and New Business:

1. Channel Markers Project – Neal DeForest said that the status of the project has not changed. The site where the remaining work is to be completed is still not accessible. An additional change order is in effect which provides the work will be complete by July 1, 2019. Cary Brown asked exactly where the project stood and Mr. DeForest indicated that all of the channel markers are complete and the only think remaining is dirt work at the spillway and the fence. Jake Halley asked if the channel marker that had fallen over had been repaired. Steve Cagle said that the contractor was going to repair the marker this weekend. Bill Carter inquired as to the reflective material for the channel markers. Steve Cagle said that he has asked RHTC to send an invoice for the remaining reflectors so that the Commission could pay for and receive them.
2. Spillway Beach Area Improvements Project – Neal DeForest stated that the quotes are due back by July 10, 2019. There are four (4) contractors that have the plans and specifications. Mr. DeForest said that the work is to be complete by August 24, 2019.
3. Proposed Joint Revised Lake Regulations – Steve Cagle said that he cannot get in touch with his contact and this matter should be tabled indefinitely.
4. Sediment Erosion Near Mann Road/D’Arbonne Bluffs Subdivision – Bill Carter said that he is still waiting for the property to dry out and that he and Neal DeForest would visit the site soon.
5. Dock Maintenance (Gills Ferry) ­– Steve Cagle said that he received a quote from John Gates who has repaired other piers for the Commission. The quote is for $2,200.00. Cary Brown made a motion to approve the expenditure of funds not to exceed $2,500.00 to repair the Gills Ferry dock, subject to the approval of the President and Steve Cagle. Mr. Cagle indicated that he would like to receive additional quotes due to the high amount of Mr. Gates’ quote.

An amended motion was made by Cary Brown and seconded by Steve Cagle to approve the expenditure of funds not to exceed $2,500.00 to repair the Gills Ferry dock, subject to the approval of the President and Steve Cagle, with the award given to the lowest quoter. The motion passed unanimously.

Tainter Gate Opening and Closing Plan – Steve Cagle said that he previously requested to change the closing level of the tainter gate to 80.75 feet. He indicated that after hearing from the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries (LDFW) and the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) representatives said he would like to amend his request to make the closing level 81 feet.

Motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Cary Brown to not change the opening level currently stated in the Opening and Closing Plan and to modify the closing level to 81 feet.

Mr. Carter said that Trotter Hunt should ask for public comment. Mr. Hunt asked if there was public comment. Mr. John Kelly discussed his property and the lake level and stated the Commission should use the tainter gate to keep the lake level at 80 feet. Ms. Lisa Turpin questioned who was watching the weather and asked about preemptive opening of the gates. Mr. Tony Portelini spoke about the lake level and asked why it could not be maintained at 80 feet.

Cary Brown and Bill Carter stated that when the state provided the funds to build the tainter gate there was no plan to maintain the lake at pool stage and gave an overview of the purpose of the tainter gate which was for flood control and to help alleviate the flooding of structures.

The motion passed unanimously.

H. Public Comment – None

I. Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Cary Brown and seconded by Jake Halley. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.