**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 2022 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 Steve Adams. Clint Graham, Todd DeMoss, and Ken Myers were absent.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Richard Royal led the invocation and Steve Cagle 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 Steve Cagle to approve the November 2022 Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Steve Cagle to approve the minutes of the September and October 2022 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Financial Reports/Budget/Audit:

1. Approve September and October 2022 Bank Account Summary – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Steve Cagle to approve the September and October 2022 Bank Account Summary. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve September and October 2022 Bank Statement Reconciliation - Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Steve Cagle to approve the minutes of the September and October 2022 Bank Statement Reconciliation. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve September and October 2022 Financial Report – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Steve Cagle to approve the minutes of the September and October 2022 Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Old and New Business:

1. Boat Launch Areas - General Maintenance / Improvements – Richard Royal discussed several items which are summarized below.
2. Signage Regarding Crappie Regulations. Mr. Royal suggested placing signage around the lake informing the community of the new regulations. Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Steve Cagle to spend up to $500.00 on new signage for the boat launches regarding the new crappie regulations. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Pier Repair. Mr. Royal reported that there are several piers in need of continued repair. Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Steve Cagle to spend up to $5,000.00 for continued pier repair. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Lighting. Mr. Royal discussed various lighting options for Highway 2 East and spoke at length regarding a quote received for solar lighting in the amount of $7,000 from a company located in Florida. Steve Adams asked if there was any other alternative and said that he thought the price was too high. All of the members discussed options for poles to reduce the cost of installation. No action was taken.
5. Concrete. Mr. Royal said that four trash receptacles were built by the Town of Farmerville and will be placed at Jake’s, Ramp Road, Terral Island, and Spillway ramps. Mr. Royal suggested pouring concrete slabs to anchor the receptacles as well as anchor the existing port-a-johns. Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Steve Cagle to spend up to $5,000.00 for concrete pads at Jake’s, Ramp Road, Terral Island, and Spillway ramps. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Foundation Material for Jake’s. Steve Cagle said that water has eroded the approach at Jake’s and needs to be repaired and asked Steve Adams for an estimated cost to repair who indicated that the cost for sand/rock is around $500 per load. He indicated that the approach would need several loads. Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Steve Cagle to spend up to $2,000.00 for repairs to the approach at Jake’s. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Highway 33 Bridge Lights. Steve Cagle said that the lights at the Highway 33 Bridge are still in need of repair/replacement. Motion was made by Steve Adams and seconded by Richard Royal to spend up to $1,000.00 for repair/replacement of the Highway 33 Bridge lights. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Boat Launch Fees - Status – Richard Royal said that to date for 2022, $56,055.06 has been collected in daily launch fees and permit sales.
9. Channel Markers – Steve Cagle said there are approximately fifteen channel markers on hand that have not yet been installed.
10. Crappie Regulations - No reports or action taken.
11. Lake Drawdown Schedule – Discuss and Consider Revising Drawdown Policy – Richard Royal indicated that the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries prepared the fish study on the lake and said that Ryan Daniels with the LDWF is planning to come present the findings of that study to the Commission. Mr. Royal indicated that the commission should be able to vote on the drawdown schedule at the beginning of 2023.
12. Select Date, Time, and Place of 2023 Regular Meetings – All of the members discussed having the ability to attend a meeting by Zoom or some other alternative form of virtual meeting platform as they have been having a difficult time getting a quorum for the meetings. Terry Morris suggested speaking to Bill Carter about this issue. Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Steve Cagle to continue the same schedule having each regular meeting on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Union Parish Courthouse Annex. The motion passed unanimously.
13. Reminders: (a) Louisiana Annual Ethics Training (Due December 31), and (b) Annual Financial Disclosure (Due May 15) – Richard Royal told Steve Adams that he would provide him the links for these items.

H. Public Comment – No public comment.

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