**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2015**

**Regular Meeting of Board of Commissioners of**

**Bayou D’Arbonne Lake Watershed District**

Union Parish Courthouse Annex

303 East Water Street

Farmerville, LA 71241

1. Roll Call – Terri Towns called the meeting to order. Commission members initially present were Terri Towns, Bruce Hampton, Cary Brown and Trotter Hunt. Also present were Bill Carter, Ron Riley, Tracy Ambrose, and Leslie Towns. Terri Towns initially presided over the meeting until David Hopkins arrived a few minutes late, and he then presided over the meeting.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Bruce Hampton led the invocation, and Trotter Hunt led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comment Registration – No registration.
4. Agenda Approval – Motion was made by Bruce Hampton and seconded by Trotter Hunt to approve the November agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Trotter Hunt and seconded by Bruce Hampton to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2015, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Treasurer's Report – Motion was made by Cary Brown and seconded by Terri Towns to approve the October 2015 treasurer’s report. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Old and New Business:
8. Boat Ramp Rules/New Signs – Update – Bill Carter stated that Steve Cagle has been working on this but he was not in attendance. Trotter Hunt stated that he has not heard anything from Mr. Cagle regarding any bids on the welding or the signs.
9. Mega Ramp – Update – Ron Riley stated that they are still trying to get the land appraisal done. Mr. Riley stated that there is no deadline on this. Mr. Carter reminded everyone that we were hoping the appraised value is higher so we can use it as a match. Mr. Riley stated that we have to get the project back into the Capital Outlay Bill, get it passed in the legislature and get it approved by the Bonding Commission. If all goes well, it will be November of next year before anything else happens with the project. Mr. Hampton stated that we need to stay in contact with our legislators.
10. Spillway Repairs – Update – Ron Riley said this project is basically completed. The substantial completion certificate was recorded today to begin the 45-day lien period. After 45 days, if we have a free lien certificate, we will process final retainage and that will be the end of the project. Several Board members said the new signs at the spillway look good.
11. Maricopa Island Project – Update – Bill Carter said there is no news. He and Ron Riley have discussed this a few times and are putting together a response. He spoke with Christy Hall with the Corps of Engineers who is the point person. The Corps has not issued a permit yet. Ms. Hall indicated that they are not inclined to grant a public hearing. They typically do not grant public hearings and that is the purpose of receiving comments. Mr. Carter said we have pushed to request a public hearing, but he does not believe it will happen. Mr. Carter further stated that he and Mr. Riley will file a response. It will be the Corps' decision as to whether to issue a permit. Mr. Hopkins stated that there is no action for us to take, and Mr. Carter agreed. Mr. Carter said Steve Cagle passed out an email that Christy Hall sent to him at the last meeting requesting that the Commission comment on 10 or 12 items. However, what she sent Mr. Cagle was the developer’s responses to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife's comments, and Mr. Carter stated that is not something we should do. Mr. Carter stated that he and Mr. Riley are not trying to take an aggressive position for or against the project but, rather, present some issues that have come into play in the responses.
12. Select Regular Meeting Dates, Times and Places for 2016 – Everyone was in agreement that the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Police Jury Annex building are good. A motion was made by Cary Brown and seconded by Terri Towns to continue the meetings in 2016 on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Police Jury Annex. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Carter said there had been some conversation about the election of officers for 2016. There will be no December meeting because of the holidays. He spoke with Steve Cagle and the Board will elect officers at the first meeting in January 2016.
13. Public Comment: None
14. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Cary Brown and seconded by Trotter Hunt. The motion passed unanimously.