

MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2018 REGULAR MEETING

Board of Commissioners of Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District Regular Meeting

Union Parish Courthouse Annex
303 East Water Street
Farmerville, LA 71241

- A. Roll Call – President Bruce Hampton called the meeting to order. Commission members present were Bruce Hampton, Steve Cagle, Terri Towns, Cary Brown, Jake Halley. Guy Fortenberry was absent. Also present were Bill Carter, Ron Riley, Leslie Towns and Danielle Harkins (Bernice Banner).
- B. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Cary Brown led the invocation, and Steve Cagle led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Public Comment Registration – No one signed up to make a public comment.
- D. Agenda Approval – Motion was made by Terri Towns and seconded by Trotter Hunt approve the January 2018 Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Trotter Hunt and seconded by Terri Towns to approve the minutes of the October 2017 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Treasurer's Report:
1. Approve October, November and December 2017 Bank Account Summary – A motion was made by Terri Towns and seconded by Cary Brown to approve the October, November and December 2017 Bank Account Summaries. The motion passed unanimously.
 2. Approve October, November and December 2017 Bank Statement Reconciliation – A motion was made by Cary Brown and seconded by Steve Cagle to approve the October, November and December 2017 Bank Statement Reconciliations. The motion passed unanimously.
 3. Approve October, November and December 2017 Financial Report – A motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Cary Brown to approve the October, November and December 2017 Financial Reports. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Old and New Business:

1. Channel Markers – (a) FEMA Claims, and (b) Repair Status – Ron Riley indicated that he is still waiting to hear from FEMA about splitting the project into two jobs. Mr. Hampton stated that until a response from FEMA, the other option is to take out a loan. No action will be taken until a response is received from FEMA.
2. New Lake Maps – Steve Cagle stated he has done no further work on the new lake maps. He said there are four advertising spots that need to be sold and he will now commence work on the new maps.
3. Discussion and Take Action, if Necessary, Regarding Policy for Primary Financial and Business Functions to Include Those for Cash – No action taken.
4. Discuss and Take Action, if Necessary, Regarding An Needed Repairs at Various Boat Ramp Sites, Including Piers – Steve Cagle stated there was repair work done on four piers at the end of 2017, there was work done on four more and there are approximately seven remaining. The cost to repair the first group was \$3,000 to \$4,000, but the price of the remaining ramps will be more. The pier at Stowe Creek is estimated to cost at least 2,000 and he would like to get approval for up to \$2,500 so that pier can be repaired. A motion was made by Terri Towns and seconded by Cary Brown to authorize spending \$2,500 to repair the pier at Stowe Creek and for Steve Cagle to contact John Gates to facilitate the repair. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Discuss and Take Action, if Necessary, Regarding Damage to Dock at Highway 2 West Ramp – Bruce Hampton indicated a man lost control of his truck and boat and damaged the dock. Steve Cagle stated that the repair estimate is approximately \$750.00. He said all of the materials are salvageable and only one pole needs to be replaced. Bill Carter recommended the Commission contact the liability insurer of the man who damaged the dock to see if it would pay the repair cost. A motion was made by Cary Brown and seconded by Terri Towns to authorize Cary Brown to contact the insurance company and the President and Steve Cagle to meet with the insured's adjuster(s), with and if the estimate is satisfactory, to settle with the insurance company. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Trotter Hunt and seconded by Steve Cagle to authorize Steve Cagle to contract with John Gates to facilitate the repair to the dock at a cost no greater than \$1,000. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Discuss and Take Action, if Necessary, Regarding Request to Cut Trees at Terral Island Boat Ramp - Bruce Hampton stated that he received a call from a lady that lives next to the Terral Island boat ramp and she indicated that one of the trees on Commission Property is dead or dying near her property. Although, the lady offered to pay for the removal of the tree. Bill Carter stated that since the property is owned by the Lake Commission that the Lake Commission should hire a licensed individual to remove the tree. A motion was made by Trotter Hunt and

seconded by Terri Towns authorizing Steve Cagle to meet with the landowner at the ramp and authorize Steve Cagle to contract with an individual and to spend up to \$2,000 to remove the tree. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Reminder Regarding Filing Financial Disclosure Statements by Commissioners – Mr. Hampton stated that the deadline for this year has passed, but we are leaving this on the Agenda for the new members as a constant reminder.

8. Reminder Regarding Board Member Ethics Training by Commissioners – Mr. Hampton reiterated that ethics training can be done online, and the Board has until the end of the year to do this. He indicated this must be done every year.

9. Select the Date, Time and Place of 2018 Regular Meetings – A motion was made by Terri Towns and seconded by Steve Cagle to keep the meetings as they are now, being the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Police Jury Annex Building, with the exception of the month of December when there is no meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Election of Officers for 2018 - Bill Carter conducted the election of new officers for 2018. After asking for nominations for President, Cary Brown nominated Trotter Hunt for President. There were no other nominations. Trotter Hunt was elected by unanimous vote. After asking for nominations for Vice-President, Bruce Hampton nominated Terri Towns for Vice-President. There were no other nominations. Terri Towns was elected by unanimous vote. After asking for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer, Steve Cagle nominated Jake Halley for Secretary/Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Jake Halley was elected by unanimous vote.

H. Public Comment – Steve Cagle stated that duck hunting on the lake from Highway 2 to the spillway has become an issue. The hunters are shooting ducks in people's backyards. Also, he spoke of reducing the crappie limit. Discussion was had about requiring legislative approval. The decision was made to wait until there is information from Wildlife and Fisheries and until Steve Cagle is ready to move the issue forward.

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