

Minutes of March 17, 2014

Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District Commission

Union Parish Courthouse Annex, 303 East Water Street

Farmerville, LA 71241

- A. President Steve Cagle called the meeting to order. Present were Don Hogan, David Hopkins, Noel James, Joe Rainer, and Edward Lee. Terri Towns was absent.
- B. Mr. Lee led the invocation, and Mr. Hogan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. The agenda was approved. Motion by Mr. Rainer and a second by Mr. Lee. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. The minutes of the January 20, 2014 meeting were approved after a motion by Mr. Hogan and a second by Mr. James. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. The treasurer's report for January & February 2014 was presented and approved. Motion by Mr. Lee and a second by Mr. Rainer. The motions passed unanimously.
- F. Old and New Business:

DOTD Boat Launch Proposal – Mr. Cagle reported that the Committee recommends that the proposal for the DOTD boat launch be submitted back to DOTD to clarify certain issues and then meet with Mr. Riley. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting in May.

Channel Markers Survey – Mr. Hogan reported that different teams went out to different sections of the lake to observe and count how many channel markers need to be replaced. Mr. Riley, Mr. Rainer, and Mr. Hogan looked at the Little D'Arbonne area on February 21st and supplied Mr. Cagle with a list of GPS coordinates. Mr. Rainer commented that they suggest 13 channel markers should be replaced between the state park area to a little past the Mixing Hole. Mr. Cagle observed the area from the Highway 33 Bridge to the end of the channel markers on Corney and suggested 11 channel markers to be replaced. Mr. Hopkins observed the area of the lake from the Highway 33 Bridge to the Dam. He suggested 5 channel markers should be replaced. The section from Forks Ferry to the State Park still needs to be observed. Mr. Cagle mentioned that the Commission has about 100 red and green markers that the Commissioners will be replacing and adding new markers.

Approval of Auditor – Mr. Rainer reported that the State of Louisiana requires an annual audit, and made a motion that the Lake Commission approve the States recommendation to approve Bosch and Statham as the auditors for the next three years. Mr. Lee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Boat Races, Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Lum Farr, President/CEO of the Union Parish Chamber of Commerce, requested permission to close Highway 33 Ramp Road from midnight on July 4th to midnight on July 5th for the Fireworks Show scheduled for July 5th at 9:00 p.m. He also requested to close the Highway 33 Ramp and Jake's Ramp across the way for the boat races on August 9th and 10th.

He commented that the Chamber will provide the below information for both events:

1. Insurance showing the Lake Commission as insured
2. Agreement to release any and all liability and hold harmless to the Lake Commission
3. Local and Parish Law Enforcement, Ambulance Services, and Fire Department on site
4. Permit from Wildlife and Fisheries and State Fire Marshall
5. Will provide clean up

Motion made by Mr. Lee to allow the Union Parish Chamber of Commerce to use the Highway 33 Ramp Road and the Jake's Landing Ramp for the Lake D'Arbonne fireworks show and boat races. Mr. Rainer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- H. Public Comment: Mr. Billy Bryant donated some channel marker poles to mark his boat lane. He questioned as to why the poles have not been set. Mr. Cagle commented that the poles will be set as soon as the water level is low and Mr. Ron Riley, the engineer, approves that the lane is clear.

Mr. Charlie Walker commented that some trees were cut down to expand the ski area on the East side of Hwy 33. The tree stumps are 3 to 4 feet under the water and he is concerned about the ski area being safe.

- I. Adjourn: Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Lee. The motion passed unanimously.