**MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2025 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, Todd DeMoss Steve Cagle and Steve Adams. Ken Myers was absent.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Todd DeMoss led the invocation and Richard Royal led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comment Registration – One person signed up for public comment.

D. Agenda Approval – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Todd DeMoss to approve the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Steve Adams and seconded by Todd DeMoss to approve the Minutes of November 2024 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Financial Reports/Budget/Audit:

1. Approve November and December 2024 Bank Account Summary – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Steve Adams to approve the November and December 2024 Bank Account Summary. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve November and December 2024 Bank Statement Reconciliation - Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Todd DeMoss to approve the November and December 2024 Bank Statement Reconciliation. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve November and December 2024 Financial Report – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Todd DeMoss to approve the November and December 2024 Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Adopt 2024 Actual Budget– Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Todd DeMoss to adopt the 2024 Actual Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Old and New Business:

1. Boat Launch Areas - General Maintenance / Improvements – Richard Royal said the work at Terral Island and Stowe Creek is complete. Steve Adams said that Terral Island and Jake’s need one more load of gravel.

Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Steve Adams to authorize the purchase two loads of gravel - one load for Terral Island Boat Ramp and one load for Jake’s. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Boat Launch Fees - Status - Richard Royal said that for 2024, $44,681.57 was collected in daily launch fees and permit sales and that for January 2025, $1,062.71 has been collected.
2. Fish Stocking Program – Richard Royal said the sponsorship awards are still in the process of being distributed. He also indicated that he is gathering information for publicity on the 2024 Program, and he is working towards gathering pledges for 2025.
3. Lake Drawdown – Terry Morris said that the drawdown was extended to December 16, 2024, and there were numerous successful projects during the drawdown.
4. Elect 2025 Officers – Terry Morris opened the floor for nominations for President. Steve Adams nominated Terry Morris. There were no other nominations. Terry Morris was elected President unanimously.

Terry Morris opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President. Steve Cagle nominated Richard Royal. There were no other nominations. Richard Royal was elected Vice-President unanimously.

Terry Morris opened the floor for nominations for Secretary-Treasurer. Steve Cagle nominated Todd DeMoss. There were no other nominations. Todd DeMoss was elected Secretary-Treasurer unanimously.

1. Reminders: (a) Louisiana Annual Ethics Training (Due December 31), and (b) Annual Financial Disclosure (Due May 15) – Richard Royal reminded everyone about the Ethics training and Financial Disclosure filing.

H. Public Comment – Larry Reeves signed up for public comment. He said that Hog Pen needs gravel and lights.

1. Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Todd DeMoss. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.