**MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2024 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, and Richard Royal. Todd Demoss, Ken Myers, Steve Cagle and Steve Adams were absent. Bill Carter and Neal DeForest were also present. Terry Morris said there was not a quorum present and thus no action will be taken but some Agenda items will be discussed.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Richard Royal led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comment Registration – Two people signed up for public comment.

D. Agenda Approval – No action taken.

E. Approval of Minutes – No action taken.

F. Financial Reports/Budget/Audit:

1. Approve May and June 2024 Bank Account Summary – No action taken.
2. Approve May and June 2024 Bank Statement Reconciliation – No action taken.
3. Approve May and June 2024 Financial Report – No action taken.

G. Old and New Business:

1. Boat Launch Areas - General Maintenance / Improvements – Richard Royal said that there is no update.
2. Boat Launch Fees - Status - Richard Royal said that to date for 2024, $33,546.36 has been collected in daily launch fees and permit sales.
3. Fish Stocking Program – Terry Morris said the fish stocking went well and thanked everyone who participated.
4. Lake Drawdown – Terry Morris said the drawdown scheduled for September 3, 2024 is still on schedule.

5. Handicap Kayak Launch Ramp Project – Terry Morris said he spoke to Glenn Hutto who indicated that the grant for the Handicap Kayak Launch Ramp Project from the Police Jury was approved and work will begin in August.

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

H. Public Comment –

Larry Reeves asked if gravel could be placed at Hog Pen Landing and reiterated the need for a light, asked if gravel could be placed at Gill’s Ferry and said that the ramp below the Spillway could use improvements.

Mike Brister asked for clarification on the boat launch permits and Richard Royal indicated if the landowner’s electric bill shows a franchise fee, the landowner can go to the Union Parish Chamber of Commerce and obtain a permit at no cost. Brister also asked what the fees obtained from all boat launch fees would be used for and Richard Royal said most of the fees collected will used for ramp and dock maintenance and repairs, ramp mowing costs, beach area maintenance, channel markers and other similar costs.

1. Adjourn – No action taken.