**MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2022, 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, Steve Cagle, Clint Graham, Ken Myers, and Trey Towns. Todd DeMoss was absent. Bill Carter and Neal DeForest were also present.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Richard Royal led the invocation and Clint Graham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comment Registration – No one signed up for public comment.

D. Agenda Approval – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Ken Myers to approve the June 2022 Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Clint Graham and seconded by Trey Towns to approve the minutes of the May 2022 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Financial Reports/Budget/Audit:

1. Approve May 2022 Bank Account Summary – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Clint Graham to approve the May 2022 Bank Account Summary. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve May 2022 Bank Statement Reconciliation - Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Clint Graham to approve the May 2022 Bank Statement Reconciliation. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve May 2022 Financial Report and Amend April Financial Report – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Clint Graham to approve the May 2022 Financial Report and the Amended April Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Amend 2022 Budget – Richard Royal said that he previously sent an email with the proposed amended expense budget amounts regarding (i) mowing and maintenance, (ii) lake level gauges and (iii) other expenses. Mr. Royal asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none. Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Clint Graham to approve the amendments to the 2022 Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Old and New Business:

* + 1. Terral Island Boat Launch Improvements Project – Steve Cagle said that the only remaining item is the pier.
    2. Spillway Beach Improvements – Richard Royal said that the sand has been placed on the beach and a ribbon cutting is planned for June 30, 2022. Ken Myers discussed some concerns about the sand all being placed at the top of the hill and suggested the Commission consider purchasing more sand and placing it near the water. Motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Ken Myers to authorize the purchase of additional sand for the beach not to exceed $5,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.
    3. Boat Launch Areas – General Maintenance / Improvements – Richard Royal said that he did some touch up painting and picked up trash at various ramps. He said that all lights have been installed. He also said that someone threw a port-a-john at the Spillway into the water and took the box collection sign but the port-a-john has been recovered.
    4. Boat Launch Fees – Status – Richard Royal said that to date, $33,490.94 has been collected in daily launch fees and permit sales.
    5. Channel Markers – Neal DeForest said that he has been looking into using buoys as channel markers and passed out specifications of the buoy he recommended and discussed different variations. He said that he received a quote from Gulfrim Navigation for 20 red buoys and 20 green buoys, which does not include the chain, weight, etc. in the amount of $9,000.00. Ken Myers asked if there were any other bodies of water that used this type of buoy that had water fluctuations like Lake D’Arbonne does. Mr. DeForest said that he made some rough calculations as to what the buoy would typically do during water height fluctuations. Several of the Commission members discussed buoy attachments and what location to begin with. Mr. DeForest said that he would need to place the order to see exactly what the total would be and the purchase would need to be complete by July 1, 2022, to lock in current pricing. Motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Clint Graham to authorize the purchase of 20 red buoys and 20 green buoys before July 1. The motion passed unanimously.
    6. Lake Closure Legislation – Bill Carter said that the House Bill was passed by both the House and the Senate, signed by the Governor and became law as Act No. 108 effective August 1, 2022.
    7. Crappie Regulations – Ken Myers said that the LDWF is considering two recommendations being the implementation of a restriction that a fisherman may only keep seven crappie over 12 inches in length with no change to the 50 fish creel limit.
    8. Lake Drawdown Schedule - Steve Cagle said that discussions have been had with Ryan Daniels regarding the drawdown schedule and that Mr. Daniels does not object to scheduling the drawdown every six years instead of every four years. Bill Carter informed the Commission members that every drawdown year prior to the drawdown, a letter is submitted to the Secretary of LDWF requesting permission for the drawdown including the depth and time period and in turn, the Secretary requests the DOTD, who owns the tainter gates, to implement the drawdown. The Commission members discussed the potential problems with the fish population resulting from the drawdown. Bill Carter suggested having Ryan Daniels come to one of the meetings to discuss the impact of drawdowns on the fish population and also obtain public input before any decision is made.
    9. Request to Use Road and Ramp by Union Chamber of Commerce for July 4th Fireworks - Richard Royal said that the July 4th fireworks show will be on Saturday, July 2, 2022, and the Union Parish Chamber of Commerce is requesting to close Ramp Road from midnight July 1, 2022, to midnight on July 2, 2022. Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Clint Graham to close Ramp Road from midnight July 1, 2022, to midnight on July 2, 2022, and authorize the President of the Lake Commission to enter into an Agreement with the Union Parish Chamber of Commerce. The motion passed unanimously.
    10. Reminders:

(a) Louisiana Annual Ethics Training (Due December 31) – Terry Morris reminded the Commission members that the ethics training was due before the end of the year.

* + - 1. Annual Financial Disclosure (Due May 15) - Terry Morris reminded the Commission members that the Annual Financial Disclosure was due by May 15, 2022.

H. Public Comment – No one signed up for public comment.

I. Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Clint Graham. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.