**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 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 – Richard Royal called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commission members present were Richard Royal, Todd Demoss, Ken Myers, Steve Cagle and Steve Adams. Terry Morris was absent. Bill Carter and Neal DeForest were also present.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Richard Royal led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comment Registration – One person signed up for public comment.

D. Agenda Approval – Motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Steve Adams to approve the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Steve Adams to approve the minutes of May and July 2024 meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Financial Reports/Budget/Audit:

1. Approve May, June and July 2024 Bank Account Summary – Motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Steve Adams to approve the May, June and July 2024 Bank Account Summary. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve May, June and July 2024 Bank Statement Reconciliation - Motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Steve Adams to approve the May, June and July 2024 Bank Statement Reconciliation. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve May, June and July 2024 Financial Report – Motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Steve Adams to approve the May, June and July 2024 Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Old and New Business:

1. Boat Launch Areas - General Maintenance / Improvements – Steve Adams said that Highway 33 ramp road needs rock. Richard Royal said that he visited the site and agreed, and suggested the ramp also be repaired. Mr. Royal indicated that Terry Morris previously spoke with James Gatson about repairs to the ramp and received a quote of $6,501.00 for the ramp repair and rock to place around the ramp. Motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Ken Myers to spend up to $6,501.00 and to allow Steve Adams to coordinate equipment and manage the project for the necessary repairs at Highway 33 ramp road. The motion passed unanimously.

Richard Royal said that the Terral Island ramp also needs repair and that the Town of Farmerville is willing to assist with drainage repair with the Lake Commission providing materials and the Town providing the labor. Several of the commission members questioned Neal DeForest about the method of repairing the ramp.

Ken Myers said that he was informed there was a hole in the middle of the ramp at the Farmerville side of the Spillway.

1. Boat Launch Fees - Status - Richard Royal said that to date for 2024, $38,213.94 has been collected in daily launch fees and permit sales.
2. Fish Stocking Program – Richard Royal said nine businesses/entities have contributed to the fish stocking program in the amount of $9,850 and suggested providing plaques to those who have contributed.

Motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Steve Adams to authorize Richard Royal to (i) manage communicating with, (ii) order plaques for, (iii) set up meetings with, and (iv) run ads in the Gazette for the businesses/entities that contributed to the fish stocking program. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Lake Drawdown – Richard Royal said that the south gate is open 2 feet and the lake is currently at 76.57 feet according to USGS. The lake will continue to be lowered until it reaches 75 feet and will be maintained there until November 15, 2024.

5. Handicap Kayak Launch Ramp Project – Richard Royal said that the project is now complete and thanked the Union Parish Police Jury for its contribution to the project.

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 said that Hog Pen boat launch area looks good, but he would still like to see gravel for a parking area and a light.

1. Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Ken Myers. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.