Minutes of September 15, 2014

Bayou D’Arbonne Lake Watershed District Commission

Union Parish Courthouse Annex, 303 East Water Street

Farmerville, LA 71241

1. President Steve Cagle called the meeting to order. Present were Don Hogan, David Hopkins, Noel James, Joe Rainer, Edward Lee, and Terri Towns.
2. Mrs. Towns led the invocation, and Mr. Hogan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The agenda was approved. Motion by Mr. Lee and a second by Mr. Hopkins. The motion passed unanimously. The agenda was amended to include discussion to consider meeting on a monthly basis. Motion by Mr. James and a second by Mr. Hogan. Motion passed unanimously.
4. The minutes of the July 21, 2014 meeting were approved after a motion by Mr. Hogan and a second by Mr. Lee. The motion passed unanimously.
5. The treasurer’s report for July and August 2014 was presented and approved. Motion by Mr. Rainer and a second by Mrs. Towns. The motions passed unanimously.
6. Old and New Business:

Channel Markers - Update – Mr. Ron Riley commented that an advertisement for bids for the pile driving project was published in The Farmerville Gazette. There were no bidders. Mr. Riley stated that he will rebid the channel marking project and will notify Mr. Cagle to call a special meeting.

Mega Ramp on Hwy 33 – Update – Mr. Ron Riley stated that Mr. Bill Carter and Mr. Cagle will obtain letters of support from Representative Shadoin, Senator Walsworth, and the Mayor of Farmerville to assist with the capital outlay funding. Mr. Riley is working with DOTD toward the valuation of the property as a match for Wallop-Breaux funds. The Commission will need evidence of ownership of the project to obtain the grant. Mr. Carter will determine if the Lake Commission owns the property. The Capital Outlay request and the Wallop-Breaux application are due in Baton Rouge on October 30, 2014.

Catfish Hogging – Update – Mr. Bill Carter commented that he has been in contact with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and sent them a rough form with three issues concerning Catfish Hogging. The first issue is placing metal in the lake. The second issue is the taking of something natural like a log and using something artificial to obstruct it. The third issue is the interaction of land owners and fisherman with the destruction of property.

Terral Island Park Survey - Update – Mr. Carter made comments in reference to the Terral Island Survey. He stated that Mr. Riley, Mr. James, Mr. Hopkins, and himself will determine the issues and report the possible solutions at the next meeting.

Tainter Gate – Update (Staff gauge installation) – Mr. Riley commented that he will determine a price to install a new Lake Height Gage at Gils Ferry.

Spillway Repairs - Update – Mr. Riley stated that he will continue working with DOTD in reference to the repairs and additions at the Spillway. Mr. Riley stated that he would like to obtain a list and take care of every item that shows up every year and take care of one item that shows up periodically.

Commission Meetings – Mr. Lee stated that he would like to meet on a monthly basis instead of every other month so each Commissioner could be better informed. Mr. Cagle stated that the Commission will call a special meeting in the month of October. The date will be determined based on the rebid of the channel marking project. Mr. Rainer made a motion to move the November meeting to November 24th. A second by Mr. Lee. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Public Comment: No Public comment.
2. Adjourn: Motion by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Lee. The motion passed unanimously.