Minutes of July 21, 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. James and a second by Mr. Hogan. The motion passed unanimously.
4. The minutes of the May 19, 2014 meeting were approved after a motion by Mr. Rainer and a second by Mr. Lee. The motion passed unanimously.
5. The treasurer’s report for May and June 2014 was presented and approved. Motion by Mr. Hogan and a second by Mr. Hopkins. The motions passed unanimously.
6. Old and New Business:

Channel Markers - Update – Mr. Ron Riley commented that marking of the channel markers has been completed. The total number of poles that need to be replaced is 35. Mr. Riley will prepare a bid package for 35 replacement channel markers with a budget of $42,000. ($1,200 per pole) Mr. Riley will write the bid packages so that poles may be deleted to stay within the budget. Mr. Lee made a motion to give Mr. Cagle, the President, authority to sign all documents concerning the project. Second by Mr. Hopkins. Motion passed unanimously.

Mega Ramp on Hwy 33 – Update – Mr. Ron Riley presented documents concerning the Mega Ramp and commented that it will be 3 to 5 years before tangible construction. Mr. Lee made a motion to select the Alternate One project. Seconded by Mr. Rainer. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Riley made a comment for the Commission to obtain capital outlay funding that letters of support from Representative Shadoin and Senator Walsworth will need to be submitted to the State with the Capital Outlay request. Mr. Riley also stated that the Commission will need evidence of ownership of the project that should be submitted with the Wallop-Breaux grant application. Mr. Hogan made a motion to give Mr. Cagle, the President, authorization to sign all filing and application documents. Second by Mr. Lee. Motion passed unanimously.

Catfish Hogging – Update – Mr. Bill Carter commented that the commission has been discussing Hogging for several

months. Mr. Carter will draft some regulations based on some of the complaints that the commission has received with this sport for the Commission to review. The commission will work with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to come up with a plan that will benefit everyone.

Terral Island Park Survey - Update – Mr. Riley made comments in reference to the Terral Island Survey. He stated that he obtained two legal descriptions that do not match. Mr. Riley made a recommendation for the commission to use the monumented property line on the west side as the property line. The Commission is in agreement with the recommendation. Mr. Riley also commented that a land owner across the street has posted “No Trespassing” signs on Lake Commission property.

DOTD Boat Launch Agreement – Update – Mr. Riley and Mr. Carter stated that they will review the proposed Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and make recommendations to the Commission. Mr. Riley also commented that he will take the preliminary plans by DOTD and attain estimates for work at all the public boat launches except Gill’s Ferry and Ken’s Landing. Mr. Riley will issue a written request defining what DOTD is offering the Bayou D’Arbonne Lake Commission. Mr. Riley noted that the Commission delayed formal action on the DOTD right-of-way request until further notice.

Tainter Gate – Update – Mr. Riley commented that a warranty complaint has been filed on the staff gages. As soon as the water level gets down so that there is no water running over the spillway the new staff gages will be installed. Mr. Riley stated that after the new gages are installed that the Tainter Gate will be completed.

Ramp Road Concrete Repair – Mr. Riley stated that there is a washout on the left side of the Hwy 33 Ramp Road at the end of the old Hwy 15. Mr. Riley recommended and estimated that one load of concrete should be placed in the washout. Mr. Cagle will oversee this project.

Spillway/Tainter Gate Area Security – Mr. Riley commented that there has been some vandalism on the Downsville side of the spillway during the July 4th weekend. Mr. Riley visited with DOTD to improve protection against vandalism to the tainter gate walkway. Mr. Cagle visited with the Sheriff’s Department about the vandalism and the Sheriff Deputies will write tickets to anybody trespassing inside the gate. Mr. Riley stated the DOTD electricians will install a steel bar in front of the electrical control box on the walkway with a “pipe gate” protective locking cover.

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