**MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2021 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 – Jake Halley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commission members present were Jake Halley, Terry Morris, Todd DeMoss, Steve Cagle, Richard Royal and Ken Myers. Clint Graham was absent. Also present were Bill Carter and Neal DeForest.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Terry Morris led the invocation and Ken Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comment Registration – Three people signed up for public comment.

D. Agenda Approval – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Steve Cagle to approve the January 2021 Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Todd DeMoss and seconded by Richard Royal to approve the minutes of the December 2020 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Financial Reports/Budget/Audit:

1. Approve December 2020 Bank Account Summary – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Terry Morris to approve the December 2020 Bank Account Summary. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve December 2020 Bank Statement Reconciliation - Motion was made by Todd DeMoss and seconded by Richard Royal to approve the December 2020 Bank Statement Reconciliation. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve December 2020 Financial Report – Motion was made by Todd DeMoss and seconded by Terry Morris to approve the December 2020 Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Amend 2020 Budget – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Todd DeMoss to amend the 2020 Budget to reflect actual income and expenditures. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Amend 2021 Budget – Todd DeMoss passed out an amended budget and said that the income remains unchanged from the approved budget from December and the only things changed were the expenses for projects as follows:
6. Spillway Beach Improvements Project - $7,500.00; b) Ramps & Docks - $5,000.00; c) Lake Drawdown - $5,000.00; d) Lake Level Gauges - $5,000.00; e) Other - $2,000.00

Motion was made by Todd DeMoss and seconded by Steve Cagle to amend the 2021 Budget to include the above expenses. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Old and New Business:

* + 1. Channel Markers Project - Reimbursement – Neal Deforest said that the current reimbursement of approximately $13,700 is still in progress but has not yet been received.
		2. Spillway Beach Area Improvements/Spillway Bayou Access Road Improvements – Neal DeForest said that remaining items which are signage, cables and buoys will be taken care of soon and he will have more detail at the February meeting.
		3. Lake Level Gauges – Neal DeForest said that Terry Morris negotiated with Claiborne Electric and they have agreed to eliminate the $1,900.00 construction cost which brings the total cost to complete the project to approximately $5,000.00.
1. Lighting at Boat Launches – Steve Cagle said that Todd DeMoss has made contact with Entergy and he is waiting on prices for new lighting. Mr. DeMoss said that he is also in the process of getting the information needed to identify the meter that Entergy is charging for and he will be creating a list of what poles are on which ramps and what company they are with.
2. Boat Launch / Ramp / Sign Maintenance – Cade Roberts said that he has been mowing the ramps for Mark Bryan who currently has the mowing contract. He said that Mark Bryan may not desire to renew the contract and he would like to maintain the contract. Bill Carter said that he would be contacted and informed when to submit a proposal.

Jake Halley asked about the maintenance at Ramp Road and Steve Cagle said that one more load of material is needed.

Jake Halley said that the dirt around the surface of Jake’s Landing needs to be removed and he knows someone that can remove the dirt. Steve Cagle said that Larry Kenly is planning on leveling it.

Steve Cagle asked if the damaged Port-A-John would be hauled off. Bill Carter suggested calling the owner of Outhouse Rentals to see if he would be removing it.

1. Conveyance of Ramps and Roads by DOTD to Commission – Neal DeForest said that he spoke with Marshall Hill of DOTD about further communications after the DOTD has made specific repairs to the ramps. Jake Halley said that all three ramps were sealed before the lake came back up.
2. Lake Closure / No Wake Policy – Union Parish Police Jury Ordinance – No action taken.
3. Lake Drawdown – Bill Carter said that Jake Halley talked about making revisions to the policy and suggested that Mr. Halley redline his changes to the policy and send it to all of the Commission members for review before adoption. Jake Halley said that he previously spoke to LDWF and they were agreeable to changing the drawdown level as long as it stays within the range to protect the fisheries habitat.
4. Sediment Erosion Near Mann Road/D’Arbonne Bluffs Subdivision (Prospective Litigation with Developers of D’Arbonne Bluffs Subdivision) –

Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Todd DeMoss to enter into executive session because this item potentially involves prospective litigation. The motion passed unanimously.

*[Executive Session]*

Motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Terry Morris to return to regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

1. FEMA Hurricane Claims – No action taken.
2. Annual Financial Disclosure (Due May 15) – No action taken.

H. Public Comment – Three people signed up for public comment.

1. Cade Roberts spoke to the Commissioners regarding the mowing contract as reflected in Sec. G.5 above.
2. Blake Simpson from Read’s Lumber spoke to the Commissioners about the work on the ramps that has been completed and what remains to be done.

1. Shannon Futch introduced himself as the new Director of Homeland Security and said that if any of the Commissioners needed anything to let him know.

I. Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Todd DeMoss. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.