**MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2020 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, Clint Graham, Todd DeMoss, Steve Cagle and Richard Royal. Also present were Bill Carter, Neal DeForest and Byron Avery.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Terry Morris led the invocation and Steve Cagle 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 Clint Graham to approve the 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 May 2020 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Financial Reports/Budget/Audit:

1. Approve May 2020 Bank Account Summary – Motion was made by Clint Graham and seconded by Terry Morris to approve the May 2020 Bank Account Summary. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve May 2020 Bank Statement Reconciliation - Motion was made by Todd DeMoss and seconded by Steve Cagle to approve the May 2020 Bank Statement Reconciliation. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve May 2020 Financial Report – Motion was made by Clint Graham and seconded by Todd DeMoss to approve the May 2020 Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Old and New Business:

* + 1. Channel Markers Project - Reimbursement – Neal DeForest said the reimbursement of $10,800 applied for in April is forthcoming.
    2. Spillway Beach Area Improvements/Spillway Bayou Access Road – Neal DeForest said that he contacted the contractor about the additional rock needed. He said that he has been unable to reach the contractor since that call, but he would follow up. He said the last part of the beach project involves installation of cables, buoys and sand.
    3. Lake Level Gauges – Jake Halley said that he, Jeff Shapiro, Neal DeForest and Bill Carter went to the Rocky Branch bridge to look at a proposed location for a new downstream gauge. He said that Ben Humphries of Delta Process went to the location at a later date and he is in the process of preparing a quote for the relocation of the gauge. Jake Halley asked if the Police Jury would have to approve placing the gauge on the bridge and Bill Carter said yes. Mr. Carter said that Ben Humphries said that he talked with Claiborne Electric about installing a service pole in that location. Neal DeForest said that there is an existing line that runs parallel with the bridge and the plan is to set the pole on the northeast side of the bridge and run power from the existing line.

1. Communications Re Tainter Gate Opening / Other Information (Facebook / Website) – Todd DeMoss said that he and Jessica Hollingsworth set up the Facebook page. He said that it has not been published yet because he wanted to make sure all of the correct parameters were set. He informed the commissioners that he, Jake Halley and Mrs. Hollingsworth were all Administrators. Richard Royal asked to be added as an Administrator once the page was published. Todd DeMoss said that it would be a good idea to have a full-time person who is involved with the commission or the lake to handle the page. He said that it could be someone on the Chamber of Commerce or someone on the commission. He said that information needs to be current so that the public views the page as an asset. Motion was made by Terry Morris and seconded by Clint Graham to publish the Facebook page. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Lighting at Boat Launches – Jake Halley said that he and Steve Cagle are working on this.
3. Boat Launch / Ramp / Sign Maintenance – Bill Carter said that the sign at Gills Ferry still needs to be repaired and Lary Kenly is in the process of doing so. Jake Halley said that the shoulder of Highway 33 ramp road needs repair and asked Steve Cagle to get a quote from Larry Kenly for the repair. Todd DeMoss said that he asked an employee of Claiborne Electric to look at the power line running to the light at Ken’s Landing and he is waiting to hear back from him.
4. Lake Closure / No Wake Policy – Union Parish Police Jury Ordinance – Bill Carter said that after a good bit of research, he determined that the lake commission has no authority to close the lake due to high water. The only way to limit boat traffic on the lake is to convince the Union Parish Police Jury to pass an Ordinance mandating that when the lake reaches its designated flood stage of 83 feet, and if there is a potential risk or there are structures on the lake that are inundated by high water, boat traffic can be prohibited with specified exceptions. Mr. Carter said that he prepared an Ordinance to that effect which was proposed to the Police Jury and it was considered but not adopted. He said that he and Jake Halley are planning to follow up with the Police Jury on the Ordinance. Mr. Carter also said that if the Police Jury does not adopt the Ordinance, a proposal can be submitted to the Legislature requesting the same.
5. Lake Drawdown – Bill Carter said that he has prepared a Notice to be published in the local newspapers informing the citizens about the drawdown. He said it can also be posted on the new Facebook page.
6. New Checking Account - FNB – Jake Halley said that everything is complete. Todd DeMoss said that he has moved all the bank drafts over as well as the direct deposits. He said that the only franchise fee that could not be direct deposited is Entergy and a paper check will still be mailed quarterly.
7. Joby Dendy Boathouse – Steve Cagle said that a quote has been received from Larry Kenly of $3,500 to dismantle the boathouse. Bill Carter said the concern is the boathouse coming loose and going through the tainter gates after the water is lowered. Motion was made by Terry Morris and seconded by Clint Graham to authorize an agreement with Larry Kenly of Skylnek, L.L.C. to dismantle the boathouse for an amount not to exceed $3,500.00. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Consider Ordinance Establishing Regulations Governing the Use of Metal Objects in D’Arbonne Lake and Regulating and Prohibiting Certain Activities – Bill Carter said that this Ordinance is very similar to the previous Ordinance relating to the use of metal objects in the Lake adopted in 2003. He said that the Ordinance was designed to address items in the lake such as the Watts platform and Dendy boathouse and prohibits objects that are not permanently attached to property. Motion was made by Clint Graham and seconded by Terry Morris to adopt the Ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Request to use Road and Ramp by Union Parish Chamber of Commerce for July 4th Fireworks – Jake Halley said this an annual request. Richard Royal gave the details for the dates and times of the fireworks show. Motion was made by Terry Morris and seconded by Clint Graham to enter into agreement with the Chamber of Commerce to allow the use of the Ramp Road area for the Independence Day celebration from 11:00 p.m. July 2, 2020 to 11:00 p.m. July 3, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Obstructions in Lake – Jake Halley said that all the Commission maintains in the lake is the channel markers. He said that some local fisherman have spoken with him about clearing out some areas of the lake during the drawdown. No action was taken.
11. Annual Financial Disclosure (Due May 15) – Jake Halley said that the deadline to file Financial Disclosures was May 15, 2020.

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

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