**MINUTES OF May 15, 2018 REGULAR MEETING**

**Board of Commissioners of**

**Bayou D’Arbonne Lake Watershed District Regular Meeting**

Union Parish Courthouse Annex

303 East Water Street

Farmerville, LA 71241

1. Roll Call – Cary Brown called the meeting to order. Commission members present were Cary Brown, Bruce Hampton, Steve Cagle, Jake Halley, and Guy Fortenberry. Trotter Hunt and Terri Towns were absent. Since the President and Vice-President were absent, Mr. Brown presided at the meeting. Also present were Bill Carter, Ron Riley, Jon McKinney, and Jeff Robinson.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Bruce Hampton 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 Guy Fortenberry and seconded by Bruce Hampton to approve the May 2018 Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Jake Halley and seconded by Guy Fortenberry to approve the minutes of the April 2018 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Treasurer's Report:

1. Approve April 2018 Bank Account Summary – Motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Bruce Hampton to approve the April 2018 Bank Account Summary. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve April 2018 Bank Statement Reconciliation – Motion was made by Bruce Hampton and seconded by Steve Cagle to approve the April 2018 Bank Statement Reconciliation. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve April 2018 Financial Report – Motion was made by Guy Fortenberry and seconded by Bruce Hampton to approve the April 2018 Bank Statement Reconciliation. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Old and New Business:

1. Channel Markers – (a) FEMA Claims, and (b) Repair Status – Ron Riley reported on a telephone call between Trotter Hunt and Keithan Williams of GOSEPH. Mr. Riley said Mr. Hunt and Billy Poche who works for Hunt-Guillot in Baton Rouge, were to meet with some GOSEPH representatives today. Mr. Riley stated that one thing that he was able to find out is that GOSEPH will not allow the project to be split for funding. He said he also received a copy of the signed Application. Jake Halley stated that the project is listed as a category “G” by the guidelines and they were trying to see if the project would fit into the Express Pay Program where there is a 90% upfront cost paid, but that was initially denied. He said that Mr. Poche is trying to talk to the GOSEPH representatives in Baton Rouge and attempt to have that decision changed.
2. New Lake Maps – Ron Riley stated that the changes recently discussed have been made to the maps.
3. Policy for Primary Financial and Business Functions to Include Those for Cash – Bruce Hampton said that Trotter Hunt was to send this to the auditor for approval.
4. Repairs at Various Boat Ramp Sites, Including Piers – Steve Cagle said that during the last high water event when the water went over the Ramp Road, the Ruston side Ramp Road on Highway 33 has two large wash outs on the west side. Mr. Cagle took the contractor out to look at the wash outs and he provided a quote of $3,000 to repair them. He suggested having the wash outs repaired and then have Century Ready Mix come and wash their trucks out down the side of the road to provide a cap layer over the top. This has been done in the past and Mr. Cagle hasn’t asked Century Ready Mix yet, but plans to do so. A motion was made by Bruce Hampton and seconded by Cary Brown to authorize Steve Cagle to facilitate the repair of the wash outs at Ramp Road with the contractor at a cost of no more than $3,000. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Damage to Dock at Highway 2 West Ramp – Cary Brown stated that he contacted the insurance adjuster for State Farm who said that they needed the police report, photos and invoice for estimate of repairs. Mr. Brown asked Mr. Cagle if he could provide the estimate for repair and then he would contact the adjuster with all of the information requested. A motion was made by Bruce Hampton and seconded by Guy Fortenberry to authorize Steve Cagle to facilitate the repair of the dock at Highway 2 West Ramp with the contractor at a cost of no more than $750. The motion passed unanimously.
6. DWF Lake Management Plans – Mr. Carter stated that Trotter Hunt sent an email stating that Ryan Daniels with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries indicated that all DWF lake management plans, including the current one referred to by Mr. Daniels at last month’s meeting, are on the Wildlife and Fisheries website. Mr. Carter stated that he will also speak with Robert Lemoine about adding the management plans to the Commission website.
7. Public Survey(s) Relating to Lake Topics – No action taken.
8. Proposed Joint Revised Lake Regulations – Bill Carter said that this involves proposed changes to certain regulations on specified lakes including D’Arbonne which is being pushed by the Saline Lake Commission. Mr. Carter stated that he contacted Ryan Daniels and asked if he knew anything about this to which he indicated that he did and that this was being driven by one of the lake commissions. Mr. Carter pointed to the document which was handed out and listed multiple lakes, including Black Lake, Clear Lake, Prairie Lake, Caddo Lake, Chicot Lake, Lake D’Arbonne, Lake LaFourche and Lake St. Joseph, and stated that these are the lakes which are included in the legislative regulation of activities such as yoyos and trotlines. He stated that the D’Arbonne commission was at the forefront of trying to regulate yoyos several years ago and after public input, came up with reasonable regulations which resulted in legislation. He said that what these commissions are trying to do is change the regulations on the items highlighted on the document, including yoyos, limb lines, jugs/noodles, duck blind permits and water hazards. The DWF has decided that if all of the commissions can get together and agree on changes, the DWF will recommend that the DWF commission make these changes administratively so that all of the lakes will be the same. Mr. Carter pointed to another handout that he stated is taken from the Bayou D’Arbonne website and shows that there are already regulations in place on yoyos, trotlines, duck blinds and metallic objects. Mr. Brown suggested the commissioners review the proposed changes for discussion at a later date.

Mr. Hampton stated that a lady recently complained to him about people using air compressors and hoses to burrow under her boat ramp and she is concerned it will interfere with the integrity of the ramp. Mr. Hampton said that he is referring to damage to private property to which Mr. Carter said is a problem and those individuals should call the Sheriff’s Department.

1. Request to Use Road and Ramp by Union Parish Chamber of Commerce for July 4th Fireworks – Jon McKinney, new Economic Development Director for the Union Parish Chamber of Commerce, introduced himself and spoke briefly on his background and goals. Mr. McKinney said that the annual fireworks show will be held on July 7, 2018 and the Chamber of Commerce is requesting access to Ramp Road for the event. He said that Quentin Durr, Chairman of the Chamber, who was the head of the event last year, will also oversee the event this year. A motion was made by Bruce Hampton and seconded by Jake Halley to allow the Union Parish Chamber of Commerce to use Ramp Road and the boat ramp for 24 hours beginning July 6, 2018 at 11:00 p.m. through July 7, 2018 at 11:00 p.m., which will be documented in an agreement prepared by Bill Carter and signed by the Union Parish Chamber of Commerce and the President of the Lake Commission. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Request to use Road and Ramp by Union Parish Chamber of Commerce for Boat Races - Mr. McKinney stated Mitch Ludwig with Ludwig Marine will oversee the boat races event this year. Mr. McKinney said this event will take place June 23 through June 24, 2018. A motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Guy Fortenberry to allow the Union Parish Chamber of Commerce to use Ramp Road and the boat ramp June 22, 2018 starting at 11:00 p.m. through June 24, 2018 at 10:00 p.m. for use by the Chamber associated with the boat races, which will be documented in an agreement prepared by Bill Carter and signed by the Union Parish Chamber of Commerce and the President of the Lake Commission. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Ron Riley Retirement - Mr. Riley stated that he on May 1966, 52 years ago, he graduated from Mississippi State University with a bachelor’s degree in engineering. He began to work for the Lake Commission in 2001. Mr. Riley said that it has been fun and he loves this lake, loves to fish and has a camp and will still be around if there is anything he can do to help, please let him know. Cary Brown stated that words cannot express the Lake Commission’s gratitude for Mr. Riley and that he has gone above and beyond his call of duty associated with his engineering responsibilities for the lake. Mr. Brown stated that he hoped Mr. Riley will be able to assist the next engineer in the transition. Mr. Brown stated that he hoped they would be able to find an engineer like Mr. Riley, that has a passion for the lake and the people of Lincoln and Union Parish that have ties to the lake and is an experienced civil engineer. Mr. Riley thanked the commission for allowing him to work for them for the last 17 years. Bruce Hampton stated that in his two years as President of the Lake Commission he enjoyed working with Mr. Riley and he was very responsive to every question that the Lake Commission had and he appreciated that very much. Bill Carter indicated that Mr. Riley also spent many hours actually on the lake in connection with his work for the commission.
4. Reminder Regarding Filing Financial Disclosure Statements by Commissioners – Cary Brown said that the deadline to file was May 10.
5. Reminder Regarding Board Member Ethics Training by Commissioners – Cary Brown stated that this must be done by the end of the calendar year – December 31.
6. Public Comment – (a) Jeffery Robinson Mr. Robinson congratulated Mr. Riley on his retirement and informed the Commission that he was running for District Judge, Division A. Mr. Robinson asked the commission for their vote and their support. (b) Jon McKinney Mr. McKinney stated that his job is not a one-man job and it will take everyone in Union Parish to pull together. He said that everyone will need their most organized, best presentation possible. He said this will involve the lake group tourism, the Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor, Police Jury, etc. Everyone will need to put a package together and he is asking each of the commission members for their help. Bruce Hampton said he appreciated Mr. McKinney coming to the Lake Commission meeting and he looks forward to working with him in the future.

I. Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Guy Fortenberry. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.