

Minutes of October 21, 2013

Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District Commission

Union Parish Courthouse Annex, 303 East Water Street

Farmerville, LA 71241

- A. President Steve Cagle called the meeting to order. Present were Don Hogan, David Hopkins, Noel James, Edward Lee, Joe Rainer and Terri Towns.
- B. Mr. Lee led the invocation, and Mr. Hogan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. The agenda was approved. Motion by Mr. Hogan and a second by Mr. Hopkins. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. The minutes of the September 16, 2013 meeting were approved after a motion by Mr. Lee and a second by Mrs. Towns. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. The treasurer's report was presented and approved. Motion by Mrs. Towns and a second by Mr. Hopkins. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Old business:

Tainter Gate - Mr. Riley reported that James Henry, Design & Structural Engineer for the tainter gate project, Marshal Hill, District Administrator – District 05-Northeast Louisiana, Jeff Shapiro, DOTD Project Engineer, and Ryan Daniels with Wildlife & Fisheries are present. Mr. Riley stated that the tainter gate process is almost complete. The chain link fence and gate posts are being installed on the structure and levee, and the gate is operational and has been tested. They are completing the testing on the gate, cleaning up, and putting topsoil and seeding down. The only piece of equipment that has not been delivered is the siren, and it could be around two weeks before it comes in.

Tainter Gate Opening/Closing Procedures and Commission Approval – All Commissioners received the gate opening procedures at the September meeting to review. Mr. Cagle commented that the gates will be opened when the water elevation at the spillway reaches 82.5 feet or is predicted to reach 82.5 feet, except during March 1<sup>st</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup> for the spawning cycles. The Commission will attempt to maintain the lake level at a minimum of 82.5 feet during the spawn cycle. The gate will close when the water elevation reaches 81 feet. Mr. Hill states that the recommendations from the tainter gate opening plan were to investigate the use of water fluctuations for the new tainter gate to manage the fish populations and should allow the lake level to reach 83 feet. Mr. Rainer questioned if there is a big difference in the spawn between 82.5 feet and 83 feet. Mr. Daniels reassured the Commission that the fish population will not be hurt when the lake level is between 82.5 feet and 83 feet. Motion was made by Mr. James to adopt the D'Arbonne tainter gate opening plan as currently proposed, and a second by Mr. Hogan. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Farmerville Chamber of Commerce Ramp Closure Request for 2014 Boat Races - No action at this time.

- H. Public Comment: None.
- I. Adjourn: Motion by Mr. Rainer, second by Mr. Hogan. Motion passed unanimously.