**MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2023 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 – Terry Morris called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commission members present were Terry Morris, Richard Royal, Steve Cagle, Clint Graham and Steve Adams. Todd DeMoss and Ken Myers were absent. Also present were Bill Carter and Neal DeForest.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Clint Graham led the invocation and Richard Royal led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. 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 January 2023 Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Clint Graham and seconded by Steve Cagle to approve the minutes of the September and November 2022 meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Financial Reports/Budget/Audit:

1. Approve November and December 2022 Bank Account Summary – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Clint Graham to approve the November and December 2022 Bank Account Summary. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve November and December 2022 Bank Statement Reconciliation - Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Clint Graham to approve the minutes of the November and December 2022 Bank Statement Reconciliation. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve November and December 2022 Financial Report – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Clint Graham to approve the November and December 2022 Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Adopt 2023 Budget – Richard Royal presented a proposed 2023 Budget and said that he previously sent out a draft of the proposed 2023 Budget and the only changes from that draft include a FEMA reimbursement of $13,782 and an increase for Bookkeeping/Transcription fees from $4,200 annually to $6,000 annually. Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Clint Graham to adopt the 2023 Budget. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Adopt 2022 Actual Budget – The 2022 actual budget figures were included with the presented 2023 Budget. Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Clint Graham to adopt the 2022 Actual Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Old and New Business:

1. Boat Launch Areas - General Maintenance / Improvements – Richard Royal said that the only ongoing projects are the lights under the Hwy. 33 Bridge and the Channel Marker Project. Steve Cagle said that 13 green lights are needed for the Bridge which cost $212 each, totaling $2,756.00. Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Clint Graham to approve an expenditure up to $3,000.00 for lights under the Hwy. 33 Bridge. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Boat Launch Fees - Status – Richard Royal said that to date for 2023, $3,480.00 has been collected in daily launch fees and permit sales.
3. Channel Markers – Richard Royal asked Neal DeForest if the previous quote of $43,520 for 40 red buoys and 40 green buoys or a total of 80 would still be good and Mr. DeForest said that it should be very close but did not include freight.

Mr. DeForest said he could obtain a quote for 40 additional lights. The consensus was that $60,000 would cover the cost for the 80 additional buoys and 40 additional lights.

Motion was made by Clint Graham and seconded by Steve Adams to approve an expenditure of up to $60,000.00 for additional buoys and lights. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Crappie Regulations – Terry Morris reported that the new crappie regulations are now in effect.
2. Lake Drawdown Schedule – Terry Morris said that Ryan Daniel with the LDWF is planning to be at the February meeting to talk about the impact of the drawdown on the fish population.
3. Elect 2023 Officers - Bill Carter opened the floor for nominations for President. Clint Graham nominated Terry Morris. There were no other nominations. Terry Morris was elected President unanimously.

Mr. Carter opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President. Steve Cagle nominated Richard Royal. There were no other nominations. Richard Royal was elected Vice-President unanimously.

Mr. Carter opened the floor for nominations for Secretary-Treasurer. Clint Graham nominated Todd DeMoss. There were no other nominations. Todd DeMoss was elected Secretary-Treasurer unanimously.

1. Reminders: (a) Louisiana Annual Ethics Training (Due December 31), and (b) Annual Financial Disclosure (Due May 15) – Terry reminded everyone about the Ethics training and Financial Disclosure filing.

H. Public Comment – No public comment.

1. Adjourn - A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Clint Graham. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.