

## MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2015

### Regular Meeting of Board of Commissioners of Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District

Union Parish Courthouse Annex  
303 East Water Street  
Farmerville, LA 71241

- A. Roll Call – President Steve Cagle called the meeting to order. Commission members present were Steve Cagle, David Hopkins, Edward Lee, Terri Towns, Bruce Hampton, Cary Brown, and Trotter Hunt. Also present were Bill Carter, Ron Riley, and Tracy Ambrose.
- B. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Edward Lee led the invocation, and Cary Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Public Comment Registration – No registration.
- D. Agenda Approval – Motion was made by Bruce Hampton and seconded by Terri Towns to approve the June agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Cary Brown and seconded by Edward Lee to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Treasurer's Report – The June 2015 treasurer's report was presented. Motion was made to approve the report by David Hopkins and seconded by Bruce Hampton. The motion passed unanimously.
- G. Old and New Business:
  1. Boat Ramp Rules – Trotter Hunt and Tracy Ambrose prepared proposed new signs for the boat ramps. Bruce Hampton asked about the rule on firearms in the ramp Ordinance, and Bill Carter handed out the summary of the Ordinance, which was handed out at the last meeting. People with weapons for duck hunting or in their vehicle may carry to their boats, but they cannot discharge the firearms at or near the boat launch. It was suggested that the rule in the Ordinance about not discharging the firearms be placed on the new signs. Mr. Carter said the Commission has the right to regulate rules at the lake. Mr. Cagle spoke with the Police Jury about adopting our Ordinances and believes they will do so. Mr. Carter stated that he actually needs to give them the Ordinances to approve. He felt if we put the Ordinance number on the signs it will make it more official looking. Mr. Riley asked where the designated ski areas are, and Mr. Cagle stated that they are marked in orange. Mr. Carter said a decision did not need to be made at that time about the new signs as the two proposals were just for their review and for comments and suggestions. Mr. Cagle said we also need to think about the

State Park. Mr. Hampton said they prosecute more people for drinking or disorderly conduct at either side of the spillway so it would be good to have signs at the entrance before getting down to the ramp. Mr. Cagle said the old signs were made out of laminated wood, and they recently discussed making them out of aluminum instead this time but in a frame. Mr. Cagle said the signs were priced at \$1000 each, and Compton Signs made the last ones. Mr. Cagle requested that everyone give the signs some additional thought as to how to revise the wording on the ski areas. He stated that everything else looks good. Mr. Carter suggested forming a committee to look at this and come in with suggestions on a final product to send out before the next meeting. Bruce Hampton, Cary Brown and Trotter Hunt agreed to serve on that committee.

2. Channel Markers – (a) Update, and (b) Budget Increase – Ron Riley stated that they advertised in the paper for bids on channel markers on August 12. The only interested party is an outfit called RHTC (President Jeff Hairston) out of West Monroe.
3. Mega Ramp – Update – Ron Riley said he does not know what is going on with the Mega Ramp. According to Bruce Hampton, Rep. Rob Shadoin said it was in the final Capital Outlay bill. Mr. Riley said previously they ran it through DOTD and it is in its budget but it is not specific in the Bond Commission or the bill itself. Mr. Riley stated that the Bond Commission met last Thursday and approved all the bond projects for the next year. Mr. Carter and Mr. Hampton stated that many times a small amount will be in the bill under Priority 2 and a larger amount in Priority 5.
4. Spillway Repairs – (a) Update, and (b) Request Tainter Gate Opening to Draw Lake Level to Pool Stage for Spillway Repairs – Ron Riley said if all goes well and it does not rain and the lake keeps dropping, it should reach pool stage between Friday and Sunday. Mr. Cagle just signed a notice to proceed to the contractor for Monday or before. Mr. Riley spoke with him and said they will wait until Monday, and that will then get started.
5. State Park Lake Level Gauge – Update – Ron Riley said the level gauge is functioning but it is not calibrated. When the lake gets to pool, we can then calibrate it. That should happen by the next meeting. He does not believe the gauge that USGS reads is MSL. They are trying to correlate it so that it is two feet higher than the spillway.
6. Designate Official Names for Boat Launches – Mr. Cagle said this was discussed last month. Mr. Carter said a final list was needed so he handed out another list to make sure the names were correct. He suggested that if the names are accurate then they be adopted. Mr. Cagle suggested that as to North Spillway Landing, we need to add Farmerville behind it, and on the South Spillway Landing, we need to add Downsville behind it. He also

suggested as to Highway 2 East and West, add Bernice Highway behind those. Mr. Cagle asked whether Mr. Carter got the names from Danny Smith, but Mr. Carter had not received anything from Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith wanted to add Highway 2 because Highway 2 also goes towards Sterlington. Edward Lee made a motion to adopt the names for the landings with the revisions outlined above, and Terri Towns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Carter agreed to make the revisions and email them to Mr. Smith for 911 purposes. Mr. Cagle stated that Mr. Smith is working on the GPS coordinates and addresses for the landings.

H. Public Comment: No comments.

I. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Edward Lee and seconded by Trotter Hunt. The motion passed unanimously.