Minutes of June 17, 2013

Bayou D’Arbonne Lake Watershed District Commission

Union Parish Courthouse Annex, 303 East Water Street

Farmerville, LA 71241

1. President Steve Cagle called the meeting to order. Present were Don Hogan, Joe Rainer, Noel James, and Edward Lee, and Terri Towns. David Hopkins, a new member, was present but is still waiting on paperwork to be finalized.
2. Mrs. Towns led the invocation, and Mr. Hogan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The agenda was approved. Motion by Mrs. Towns and a second by Mr. Hogan. The motion passed unanimously.
4. The minutes of the May 20, 2013 meeting were approved after a motion by Mr. Lee and a second by Mr. Hogan. The motion passed unanimously.
5. The treasurer’s report was presented and approved. Motion by Mr. James and a second by Mr. Rainer. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Old business: DOTD Ramp – Mr. Riley reported that work had commenced on June 1, 2013 with a completion date of September 8, 2013. The contractor has requested that he be allowed to work 7 days a week. There was discussion with the Commission and the consensus was to permit the additional work days with a request that any “pile driving” be done during the week days. Mr. Riley pointed out that the dirt pits were still wet.
7. New business: Water Sales – Mr. Rainer reported that contract talks were progressing and that a final agreement was expected in a couple of weeks. Mr. Hogan and Mr. Lee were thanked for their work and input.

On a motion made by Mr. Rainer and a second by Mrs. Towns, Riley Company of Louisiana was approved as projects engineer for the District. The motion passed unanimously.

Referring to the hogging regulations Mr. Rainer and Mr. Hogan met with Brad Martin who enjoys the sport of hogging. Mr. Martin commented on the sport and wanted to explain the method of how they go about the process. Everything that they do is in 4 feet of water or shallower. They do fish around some boat ramps, sunken logs, holes in the bank, stump holes, or any cavity that a catfish could get in. They do put out items or drums made of rubber that is within 10 feet of the bank. Mr. Martin spoke about the main issue that he sees is the concern for the land owner’s property. Mr. Cagle commented about the destruction of property and the apprehension of the sustainability of the fish populations.

Mr. Quinton Durwood from Community Trust Bank commented on the Chamber of Commerce Fireworks presentation on July 6th. Everything will be done exactly like they have done in the past. They have contacted the Sheriff’s Department and the town of Farmerville. They also contacted the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and obtained the approval and permits. Mr. Carter has an agreement for Mr. Durwood to sign for the Chamber to use the South Ramp Road and the attached ramp from midnight July 5th to midnight July 6th. Motion made to allow the use on the above dates by Mr. Lee and a second by Mr. James. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Public Comment: None.
2. Adjourn: Motion by Mrs. Towns, second by Mr. Lee. Motion passed unanimously.