**MINUTES OF March 20, 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 – Vice President Terri Towns called the meeting to order. Commission members present were Bruce Hampton, Terri Towns, Jake Halley and Guy Fortenberry. Steve Cagle, Carry Brown and Trotter Hunt were absent. Also present were Bill Carter, Ron Riley, and Robert Lemoine (Bernice Banner) and three members of the public.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Jake Halley led the invocation, and Guy Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comment Registration – One person signed up for the public comment period.

D. Agenda Approval – Motion was made by Bruce Hampton and seconded by Guy Fortenberry to approve the March 2018 Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

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

F. Treasurer's Report:

1. Approve January 2018 Bank Account Summary – Motion was made by Bruce Hampton and seconded by Guy Fortenberry to approve the January 2018 Bank Account Summary. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve February 2018 Bank Account Summary – Motion was made by Jake Halley and seconded by Guy Fortenberry to approve the February 2018 Bank Account Summary. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve January 2018 Bank Statement Reconciliation – Motion was made by Bruce Hampton and seconded by Jake Halley to approve the January 2018 Bank Statement Reconciliation. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Approve February 2018 Bank Statement Reconciliation – Motion was made by Guy Fortenberry and seconded by Bruce Hampton to approve the February 2018 Bank Statement Reconciliation. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Approve January 2018 Financial Report – Motion was made by Jake Halley and seconded by Bruce Hampton to approve the January 2018 Bank Statement Reconciliation. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Approve February 2018 Financial Report – Motion was made by Guy Fortenberry and seconded by Jake Halley to approve the February 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 stated there has been no new activity regarding the project and that Jake Halley is also checking on the status of the project. Jake Halley stated that he is awaiting a call back from representatives from the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.
2. New Lake Maps – Ron Riley stated that he emailed the latest version of the map to Commissioners for review. Discussion ensued regarding naming edits for identified boat launches on Hwy 2 East to Lester’s on the Lake as per Terri Towns.
3. Policy for Primary Financial and Business Functions to Include Those for Cash – No action taken.
4. Repairs at Various Boat Ramp Sites, Including Piers – No action taken.
5. Damage to Dock at Highway 2 West Ramp – No action taken.
6. Request to Cut Trees at Terral Island Boat Ramp - Jake Halley stated that the tree cutting had been completed and payment submitted.
7. Lake Report – Ryan Daniel of DWF – Bruce Hampton stated that LDWF representative Ryan Daniels report was postponed due to the unsure nature of being able to have a quorum for the meeting.
8. Public Survey(s) Relating to Lake Topics – Jake Halley stated that there are no current updates, and awaiting break in legislative session in order to engage assistance from Representative Rob Shadoin in discussions with La. Tech University.
9. Union Lincoln Regional Water Supply Initiative Report – No report given.
10. Annual Mowing Contract – No action taken.
11. Reminder Regarding Filing Financial Disclosure Statements by Commissioners – No action taken.
12. Reminder Regarding Board Member Ethics Training by Commissioners - No action taken.
13. Public Comment – Mr. Gary Preston of Walnut Tree Community stated that he and other volunteers were interested in assisting the Lake Commission by supporting efforts to add a lake level gauge near the Highway 2 East bridge in order to help determine lake levels on Corney Bayou in relation to the official gauge located at D’Arbonne Spillway. He stated that they have an engineer willing to assist in determining official elevations and other support that might be required. He presented a letter to the Commissioners to identify areas of assistance they are willing to provide. A discussion ensued regarding the policy regarding lake levels and opening of tainter gates during flood conditions. Bruce Hampton stated that the current policy in place with DOTD is to open gates either when the lake level is at 82.25’ or when a lake level of 82.25’ is projected based on the NWS forecasts.

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