**MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2023 SPECIAL 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, Todd DeMoss and Steve Adams. Steve Cagle, Clint Graham, and Ken Myers were absent. Also present were Bill Carter and Neal DeForest.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Richard Royal led the invocation and Todd DeMoss 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 Steve Adams to approve the July 2023 Special Meeting Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Todd DeMoss to approve the minutes of the May and June 2023 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Financial Reports/Budget/Audit:

1. Approve May and June 2023 Bank Account Summary – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Steve Adams to approve the May and June 2023 Bank Account Summary. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve May and June 2023 Bank Statement Reconciliation - Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Steve Adams to approve the minutes of the May and June 2023 Bank Statement Reconciliation. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve May and June 2023 Financial Report – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Steve Adams to approve the May and June 2023 Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Old and New Business:

1. Boat Launch Areas - General Maintenance / Improvements – Richard Royal said that all of the pads have been installed and the port-a-johns and trash receptacles placed on the pads, with the exception of two trash receptacles that are not ready yet. Terry Morris indicated that Origin Bank has been very helpful in keeping the spillway beach area clean.

Steve Adams asked how the Commission could keep the public informed on these and other improvements and Richard Royal indicated that he posts often to social media and works closely with the Banner and Gazette to run articles.

Terry Morris reiterated previous discussions about stocking the lake and said that he received a quote of $425.00 per 100 ($4.25 each) for Florida Bass advanced fingerlings of 6”-8” from Dunn’s Fish Farm which was a recommendation by Ryan Daniel of LDWF. He said that Dunn’s indicated they would need 6 weeks’ notice to have the fish ready. Mr. Morris suggested making a purchase of $5,000 prior to the National Crappie League tournament in October and then having the tournament fishermen disburse the fingerlings during the tournament. Steve Adams suggested reaching out to local businesses for donations as well. Several of the Commission members discussed the best method for distribution of the fingerlings.

Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Steve Adams to spend up to $5,000 to purchase the Florida Bass advance fingerlings from Dunn’s Fish Farm. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Boat Launch Fees - Status – Richard Royal said that to date for 2023, $36,712.72 has been collected in daily launch fees and permit sales.
2. Channel Markers – Neal DeForest said that he has confirmed delivery of the lights and that is all that was remaining for the channel markers.
3. Tainter Gate Report - Terry Morris reiterated to the Commission members that the south gate gear box was installed, and it was discovered that the gear box was not the correct box for the gate. It should have been a multi turn mechanism but was a ¼ turn mechanism and therefore had to be returned.

Mr. Morris said that he talked with Jeff Shapiro of DOTD, and he indicated that the correct gear box is made in Korea and estimated delivery is 26-28 weeks.

Mr. Morris said the service team from Houston has admitted the mistake with the gear box and has informed DOTD that if they return the ¼ turn mechanism, the service team will modify the mechanism to the appropriate multi turn function with an estimated completion time of 2-3 months, which DOTD is in the process of doing. He said that DOTD plans to buy the correct multi-turn mechanism out of Korea and will replace the re-built mechanism and keep it as a spare.

1. July 18, 2023 Regular Meeting – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Todd DeMoss to cancel the July 18, 2023 Regular Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
2. 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 Richard Royal and seconded by Steve Adams. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.