**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2021 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, Ken Myers and Trey Towns. Todd DeMoss was absent. Bill Carter was also present.
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Richard Royal led the invocation and Clint Graham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comment Registration – No one signed up for public comment.

D. Agenda Approval – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Steve Cagle to approve the October 2021 Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Clint Graham and seconded by Ken Myers to approve the minutes of the September 2021 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Financial Reports/Budget/Audit:

1. Approve September 2021 Bank Account Summary – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Clint Graham to approve the September 2021 Bank Account Summary. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve September 2021 Bank Statement Reconciliation - Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Clint Graham to approve the September 2021 Bank Statement Reconciliation. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve September 2021 Financial Report – Motion was made by Richard Royal and seconded by Clint Graham to approve the September 2021 Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Old and New Business:

* + 1. Channel Markers Project - Reimbursement –Neal DeForest reported that there is no update with the reimbursement.
    2. Spillway Beach Area Improvements –Neal DeForest reported that the contractor has all needed materials and plans to begin work the following week. He said that the 4x8 signs will be installed by Rapid Signs, but will wait to install the signs until after the contractor has completed the project.
    3. Lake Level Gauges – Neal DeForest said that the installation is complete, the gauges are operational, and the DOTD and he has access to the data.
    4. Boat Launch Areas - Maintenance – Terry Morris said that DOTD has completed the agreed upon work. Several of the Commission members talked about various items including pier renovations and port-a-johns. Ken Myers suggested adding a port-a-john at Lesters, Terral Island, and two at the Spillway. Motion was made by Steve Cagle and seconded by Clint Graham to add a port-a-john at Lesters, Terral Island, and two at the Spillway. The motion passed unanimously.
    5. Boat Launch Fees – Status – Richard Royal said that to date, launch fees collected total $18,713.85, being approximately $6,100 from launch fees and approximately $12,500 from permits. He also said $10,575 in permits were sold at K & M and $2,000 at Cooters.
    6. Lake Closure / No Wake Policy – Union Parish Police Jury Ordinance – Bill Carter said that he, Terry Morris and Richard Royal attended the last Police Jury meeting to discuss the lake closure / no wake policy during high water events. Because of the hesitancy of the Police Jury to delegate the authority to the Lake Commission to close the lake during high water events, the plan is to request the Legislature revise the statute to give the Lake Commission that authority on D’Arbonne Lake. Richard Royal asked about the process and Mr. Carter said that he will send an email to Representative Chris Turner and Senator Stewart Cathey requesting they sponsor legislation to amend the statute.
    7. Commission Website – Richard Royal said that he is still in the process of updating the website.

H. Public Comment – No one signed up for public comment.

I. Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Ken Myers and seconded by Richard Royal. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.