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**December 26, 2024**  
**Minutes**

A Regular Session Meeting was held on December 26, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., at the office of the Claiborne Parish Watershed District, located at 507 West Main Street, Homer, Louisiana. At this time, the watershed entered into their quarterly meeting.

Wesley Emerson and Graham Cowie were not in attendance.

Jay Blanchard opened the meeting in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by David Nokes.

Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by Jay Blanchard, the agenda was approved as presented.

Upon a motion by Jay Blanchard, duly seconded by Dottie Palmer, the minutes for the September 26, 2024, meeting were approved.

Dwayne Woodard presented the 2024 Budget Amendments. Upon a motion by Chad Reeder, duly seconded by Marcus McClung, the 2024 Budget Amendments were approved.

The Proposed 2025 Budget and Public Hearing Notice were presented. There will be a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 5:20 p.m. and a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. for the adoption of the Proposed 2025 Budget. Marcus McClung made a motion, duly seconded by Dottie Palmer, to move forward with the Public Hearing and Special Called Meeting.

The financial report was presented by Dwayne Woodard. Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by Chad Reeder, the financial report was approved as presented.

The maturity of a CD for the deferred maintenance account, currently at Citizens National Bank, was open for discussion. The CD is set to mature on January 1, 2025. It has an approximate balance of \$54,000.00. The rate is currently at 2.25%. Citizens National Bank can renew the CD at 4.10% for 12 months, Gibbsland Bank & Trust can offer a rate of 3.25% for 12 months, and First Guaranty Bank can offer a rate of 4.20% for 12 months. Upon a motion by Jay Blanchard, duly seconded by Marcus McClung, and unanimously approved, the decision to move the CD from Citizens National Bank to First Guaranty Bank, at the highest rate, was approved.

All board members were reminded of the required Sexual Harassment Training to be completed by December 31, 2024.

All board members were reminded of the required Ethics Training to be completed by December 31, 2024.

David Nokes presented the board with Claiborne Parish Watershed District Ordinance No. 202501, regarding the guidelines of lights placed in the lake by property owners and/or the public. A Public Hearing Notice and the proposed Ordinance will be published prior to the March, 2025 meeting, notifying the public of the adoption of the ordinance.

David Nokes presented the board with a letter that was drafted and to be mailed to Mr. William Rainach and Dr. Phillip Fincher regarding the water control structure located in the Beaver Creek area of the lake. The board unanimously agreed to remove said structure if the property is developed and if a road is built in order to provide access for utilities. The letter will be mailed by certified mail, return receipt, and filed in the records of the Claiborne Parish Clerk of Court. Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by Chad Reeder, the mailing and filing of this letter was approved.

The discussion of the High School Bass Classic was tabled and will be discussed at the March, 2025 meeting.

The board discussed the upcoming event of the Christmas Tree Rodeo. This event will be hosted by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and will be held on January 11, 2025. The board unanimously approved the purchase of a pallet of concrete blocks to be used to weigh down the Christmas trees.

There was no one present from the Louisiana Department Wildlife and Fisheries, so no discussion was presented.

There was no one present from the DOTD, so no discussion was presented.

There was no one present from the Claiborne Parish Lake Patrol, so no discussion was presented.

The floor was opened to the public for commenting.

The members and the public were reminded of the next scheduled meeting on March 27, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by Chad Reeder, the meeting was adjourned.

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David Nokes, President

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Dottie Palmer, Secretary