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Minutes

A Public Hearing was held on June 26, 2025, at 5:20 p.m., at the office of the Claiborne Parish Watershed District, located at 507 West Main Street, Homer, Louisiana, to adopt Ordinance No. 202501, to regulate lighting on Lake Claiborne. Upon no objections or public comments, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

Immediately following the Public Hearing, the Regular Scheduled Meeting was then held at 5:30 p.m. and the watershed entered into their quarterly meeting.

Wesley Emerson was the only member 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 Graham Cowie, duly seconded by Jay Blanchard, the minutes for the March 25, 2025 meeting were approved.

The financial report was presented by Dwayne Woodard. It was discussed moving a portion of the operating money into the deferred maintenance account in order to accrue more interest. Upon a motion by Graham Cowie, duly seconded by Chad Reeder, the board approved moving \$500,000 to the deferred maintenance account. Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by Graham Cowie, the financial report was approved.

Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by Jay Blanchard, Ordinance No. 202501 was approved and will go into effect July 1, 2025.

New member, Chris Robinett, was introduced. He will replace Dottie Palmer, whose term expired.

All members were reminded of the required Sexual Harassment Training to be completed by December 31, 2025.

All board members were reminded of the required Ethics Training to be completed by December 31, 2025.

The board approved the renewal of a maturing CD that is currently at Citizens National Bank. Citizens National Bank offered 4.25% for 5 months and First Guaranty Bank offered 4% for 12 months. Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by Graham Cowie, the CD will be moved to First Guaranty Bank at the rate and term offered by First Guaranty Bank. This will also keep the CD at one of our local banking institutions.

A replacement secretary for the board was needed to replace former member, Dottie Palmer, who resigned at the expiration of her term. Chad Reeder nominated Marcus McClung to fill her position for the remainder of 2025. Upon a motion by Chad Reeder, duly seconded by Jay Blanchard, Marcus McClung will serve as secretary for the board for the remainder of 2025.

The board discussed pilings and channel markers that need repairing and/or replacing. Kevin Green, with Pro-Build Construction, will put together a proposal to present to the board for these repairs.

Chad Reeder gave an update on the Tiger Bass Fingerling release. They released 80,000 Tiger Bass and 25,000 Coppernose Bluegill, at 3 different public boat launches.

The Fireworks of Lake Claiborne will be held on July 4, 2025. The watershed made a \$5,000 donation to help the organization meet their goal.

Jack Hightower with the Louisiana Legends Festival discussed the upcoming festival to be held October 18, 2025. Also, Kathy Johnston, with the Louisiana Legends Festival Bass Tournament discussed the tournament that will be held on Lake Claiborne on the same day as the festival. Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by Chad Reeder, the watershed agreed to make a \$5,000 donation for a sponsorship for the bass tournament.

Chad Reeder gave an update on the High School Bass Tournament. They will be starting back with the tournament on January 1, 2026, and Lake Claiborne will be on the tournament list, as a potential host.

The KTBS Community Caravan will be on July 16, 2025. Kels Kove, Pleasure Point, and Lake Claiborne State Park will be included in the caravan.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries called David Nokes and advised him that they will be banding some wood ducks on the lake.

David Nokes led a discussion about the hydrilla on the lake. A test area will be done on the lake that will cover approximately 10 acres. Sonar is the product that is being used for the testing, and it is a granular product that can be used by homeowners. The product covers a certain amount of footage, and the idea of the product is to control the hydrilla, not completely kill it.

David Nokes talked with Jeff Sibley regarding the genetic testing. Once the testing is complete, he will come to a meeting to give us an update on the data that was analyzed.

The Lake Claiborne State Park Fun Day will be held June 28, 2025.

No one was present from the DOTD so there was no report to be given.

The floor was opened to the public for commenting.

The members and the public were reminded of the next scheduled meeting to be held on September 25, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

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

David Nokes, President

Marcus McClung, Secretary