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**June 25, 2026
Minutes**

A Regular Session Meeting was held on June 25, 2026, 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 was absent from this meeting.

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

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

Upon a motion by Graham Cowie, duly seconded by Chris Robinett, the minutes for the March 26, 2026 meeting were approved.

The financial report was presented by Dwayne Woodard. Upon a motion by Jay Blanchard, duly seconded by Chad Reeder, the financial report was approved.

All members were reminded of the required Sexual Harassment Training to be completed by December 31, 2026.

All board members were reminded of the required Ethics Training to be completed by December 31, 2026.

The discussion of a proposal from Pro-Build Construction to repair the damaged channel marker at Issac Creek and to perform any additional channel marker repairs or maintenance was tabled, in Mr. Green's absence, and will be discussed at the next quarterly meeting.

Chad Reeder presented an update on the Tiger/Florida Bass fingerling and Coppernose Bluegill release that was held on June 6, 2026.

David Nokes presented an update on the Sonar One Giveaway that was held by RAC Field Services on June 13, 2026. Homer Hardware will stock the herbicide for the public's purchase.

David Nokes presented an update on the sponsorship for the KTBS Community Caravan that was held on June 19, 2026. KTBS will return on July 4, 2026 to cover our firework show.

David Nokes led a discussion about approving an increase toward the Fireworks of Lake Claiborne firework show to be held on July 4, 2026. This will increase the donation from \$5,000 to \$7,000 for this year. Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by Jay Blanchard, the board approved a donation of \$7,000.

David Nokes presented an update on the High School Bass Classic that was held on May 9, 2026. There were 51 contestants that participated.

David Nokes led a discussion on the sponsorship of the Majestic Big Bass Tournament to be held on August 22 – 23, 2026. The tournament director is requesting a sponsorship of \$5,000. Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by Jay Blanchard, the board approved a donation of \$5,000.

David Nokes led a discussion on the sponsorship for the North Central Louisiana Team Tournament. The tournament director is requesting sponsorship in the amount of \$5,000. Upon a motion by Graham Cowie, duly seconded by Chris Robinett, the board approved a donation of \$5,000.

Eric Shively with the Louisiana Legends Festival Bass Tournament was in attendance and requested a donation for the upcoming tournament. Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by Chad Reeder, the board approved a \$7,500 donation for the tournament.

Beverly Hightower with the Louisiana Legends Festival was in attendance and requested a donation for the upcoming festival to be held in October. Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by Graham Cowie, the board approved a donation in the amount of \$2,500.

The board discussed establishing a set budget amount in 2027 for tournaments being held on the lake.

Chase with RAC Field Services was not present so there was no update on the vegetation control.

Genetic testing will be held during the Majestic Big Bass Tournament.

No one was present from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries.

No one was present from the Louisiana DOTD.

J.T. Williams with the lake patrol gave an update on the lighting and poles.

The floor was open for public comments.

The members and the public were reminded of the next meeting to be held on September 24, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by Graham Cowie, the meeting was adjourned.

David Nokes, President

Marcus McClung, Secretary