

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-1

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF BOAT LAUNCHING FACILITIES, INCLUDING RAMPS AND APPROACHES AT LAKE D'ARBONNE AND REGULATING OR PROHIBITING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of LSA-R.S. 38:2558(11), the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District (the "District") have the care, management, and control of property owned and/or controlled by the District; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to LSA-R.S. 38:2558, the Board is empowered to make all police regulations necessary for the preservation of good order and the peace of the District, as well as to prevent injury to, destruction of, or interference with public or private property; and,

WHEREAS, LSA-R.S. 38:2559 authorizes the Board to enforce such rules and regulations as it shall deem necessary and advisable in order to protect and preserve the works, improvements and property owned by the District, and to prescribe the manner of their use by public corporations and persons, and to preserve order within and adjacent thereto; and,

WHEREAS, the Board concludes that it is in the best interest of the District and the public to adopt rules and regulations governing the use of the boat launching facilities, including ramps and approaches, at Lake D'Arbonne and to otherwise prescribe certain rules and regulations to maintain order and peace of the District in said areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAYOU D'ARBONNE LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT:

§1. The following rules and regulations shall apply to all boat launching facilities, including ramps and approaches, at Lake D'Arbonne which includes the areas generally referred to as boat ramps and approaches at Lake D'Arbonne which are more particularly described as follows:

- 1.1 The portion of State Route LA-33 North of D'Arbonne Bayou from its intersection with its realigned portion and proceeding South approximately 400 feet to its termination.
- 1.2 The portion of State Route LA-33 South of D'Arbonne Bayou from its intersection with its realigned portion and proceeding North approximately 2,810 feet to its termination.

- 1.3 The portion of Dogwood Lane (old State Route LA-2) West of Corney Bayou from its intersection with State Route LA-2 portion and proceeding East approximately 890 feet to its termination.
- 1.4 The portion of old State Rouge LA-2 East of Corney Bayou from its intersection with its realigned portion and proceeding West approximately 1710 feet to its termination.
- 1.5 The portion of Hogpen Road from its intersection with Shannon Road approximately 395 feet to its termination.
- 1.6 The portion of unnamed road from its intersection with Louisiana Highway 151 east of Louisiana Highway 151 bridge approximately 450 feet to its termination.
- 1.7 The portion of an unnamed road from its intersection with Ken's Landing Road approximately 210 feet to its termination.
- 1.8 The portion of Gills Ferry Road from the intersection with the Lincoln Parish line approximately 3/10ths of a mile to its termination.
- 1.9 The portion of old State Route LA-15 East of Stowe Creek from its intersection with its realigned portion and proceeding West approximately 5/10ths mile to its termination.
- 1.10 The portion of unnamed road from its intersection with Terral Island Drive and proceeding East approximately 300 feet and West approximately 200 feet respectively to its termination.
- 1.11 The portion of unnamed road from its intersection with Spillway Road North of Spillway and proceeding West approximately 600 feet, through a large paved parking area, to its termination.
- 1.12 The portion of an unnamed dirt road from its intersection with Spillway Road North of Spillway and proceeding East approximately 270 feet to its termination.
- 1.13 The portion of an unnamed dirt road from its intersection with Spillway Road North of Spillway and proceeding East approximately 370 feet to its termination.

1.14 The portion of an unnamed road from its intersection with Spillway Road South of Spillway and proceeding West approximately 225 feet to its termination,

said rules and regulations being as follows:

(a) *Definitions.* For the purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) *Boat Launching Facility* includes (i) a ramp designed for the purpose of facilitating the placing of a water craft into the water at Lake D'Arbonne or the removal of a water craft from the water at Lake D'Arbonne, (ii) a dock or pier constructed to assist the placing and/or removal of a water craft into or from the water at Lake D'Arbonne, and (iii) approaches to said ramps, including the parking area, roadway surface, shoulders and banks.

(2) *Persons* shall include natural persons, corporations, partnerships, unincorporated associations and their agents and/or employees.

(b) *General Use.* No person shall use any Boat Launching Facility, whether publicly or privately owned, for any purpose other than the launching of a boat and acts incidental thereto.

(c) *Launching.* All water craft shall be placed into the water and removed from the water at the ramp.

(d) *Fishing.* No fishing shall be permitted within fifty feet (50') from the ramp at any Boat Launching Facility.

(e) *Camping.* No overnight camping or otherwise shall be permitted anywhere on any Boat Launching Facility.

(f) *Fires.* No fires of any kind shall be allowed on any Boat Launching Facility.

(g) *Curfew.* No person shall be present on any Boat Launching Facility during hours of darkness (sunset to sunrise), except individuals loading and unloading boats and gaining access to vehicles lawfully parked on the Boat Launching Facility parking area.

(h) *Litter and Sanitation.* No littering shall be allowed on any Boat Launching Facility. It shall be unlawful to dump or deposit refuse in or around any Boat Launching Facility. All trash shall be deposited in proper garbage and trash containers provided for that purpose.

(i) *Horseback Riding.* No person shall bring or have horses on any Boat Launching Facility.

(j) *Vehicles.* Only licensed motor vehicles shall be allowed on any Boat Launching Facility. Off road vehicles, including and all terrain vehicles, are prohibited except for use by District or other law enforcement officials. Operation of vehicles, including motorized bikes and bicycles, shall be restricted to hard road surfaces and parking areas. No person shall operate any motor vehicle, motorized bike, or bicycle in a careless, negligent, or reckless manner so as to endanger any person or property. Vehicles shall not be driven at a greater rate of speed than those shown on posted speed limit signs at the Boat Launching Facility.

(k) *Parking.* Parking of vehicles shall be restricted to hard road surfaces and designated parking areas. Vehicles shall not be parked in areas prohibited by signs or road markings.

(l) *Alcoholic Beverages.* No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed on any Boat Launching Facility.

(m) *Noise and Improper Conduct.* Loud, unnecessary noises or music and improper conduct shall not be permitted on any Boat Launching Facility.

(n) *Firearms.* No firearms shall be discharged on any Boat Launching Facility.

(o) *Swimming.* No swimming shall be allowed from any Boat Launching Facility.

(p) *Damaging Public Property.* No person shall willfully injure, or destroy, or attempt to injure or destroy any kind of public structure, equipment or other public property at any Boat Launching Facility.

§2. Any person violating any of the above rules and regulations shall be forbidden to remain on any Boat Launching Facility.

§3. The terms, provisions and violations of this Ordinance shall be enforced by any appropriate law enforcement officer in Union or Lincoln Parishes and shall be prosecuted by the District Attorney of Union or Lincoln Parishes, or any other proper official in Union or Lincoln Parishes.

§4. Any person or persons violating the foregoing rules and regulations shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned in the parish jail for not more than 30 days, or both.

§5. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

§6. If any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance, but this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Ordinance which validates or makes legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Ordinance.

§7. This Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2003.

This Ordinance having been considered by a quorum of the Board of Commissioners on motion to adopt by Commissioner Larry Turner, seconded by Commissioner Paul Bullock, the Ordinance was adopted by the following record vote:

YEAS: COMMISSIONER PAUL BULLOCK, COMMISSIONER STEVE CAGLE, COMMISSIONER RONNIE GRAHAM, COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE HILL, COMMISSIONER BILL ROARK AND COMMISSIONER LARRY TURNER.

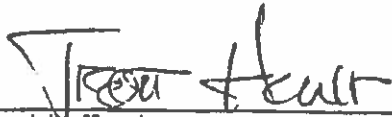
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the above Ordinance duly adopted on the 19th day of May, 2003.

ATTEST:

  
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Paul Bullock  
Secretary

  
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President