

October 11, 2016  
Board Meeting

A Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, Bossier Parish, Louisiana was held in the Nature Center building, located in the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation Area, Benton, Louisiana on the above date with the following:

Present: Alan Warren, Jerry Fowler, Gary Wyche, Robert Berry

Absent: Walt Bigby

Also Present: Chelle Carroll, Nancy Scripture, Stacey Smith, Lee Aryes, Melissa Whittington, Madora Abney, Janice Smith, Dorothy Martin, Bill Knighton, Jack Legrone, Ron McGinty, Gailen and Ann Gibson

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 by Mr. Warren. Roll call was made by Chelle Carroll. The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Fowler. The prayer was given by Mr. Warren.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Wyche. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

A motion to approve the minutes from the 09-13-2016 Board Meeting was made by Mr. Wyche and seconded by Mr. Fowler. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

A motion to approve the bills for payment was made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Wyche. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

**Nature Center Report:** Given by Melissa Whittington

Walk-in visitors to Cypress Nature Study Center for September 2016 \_\_\_\_\_ 480 \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Activities**

September 7	W.T. Lewis Elementary; 4th Grade (94)
September 8	Bossier Elementary; 4th Grade (37)
September 9	Curtis Elementary; 4th Grade (49)
September 12	Waller Elementary; 3rd Grade (78)
September 15	Apollo Elementary CBI (11)
September 16	Airline High School; MM (20)
September 20	Princeton Elementary; 5th Grade (102)
September 21	Princeton Elementary; 5th Grade (100)
September 22	Princeton Elementary; 5th Grade (98)
September 23	Bossier Elementary; 5th Grade (44)
September 27	Kingston Elementary; 2nd Grade (96)
September 28	Bossier Elementary; 2nd Grade (47)
September 29	Bossier Elementary; 3rd Grade (49)
September 30	Curtis Elementary; 5th Grade (49)

Total number impacted by Cypress Nature Study Center September 2016 \_\_\_\_\_ 1354 \_\_\_\_\_

**Memorandum**

This month we had a 12 foot alligator mount was donated to Cypress Nature Study Center by David Billingsley, Jr. Continuing to meet with Boy Scouts from Benton about their Eagle Projects.

Douglas Graham will be placing his monofilament recycling containers on the piers throughout the park.

Sean Thomas will be constructing fish habitats to be placed at various locations in Cypress Lake.

Kylie Andrews in APES Benton High School will conduct a fishing clinic for her independent AP Project on November 5.

**Coming Soon**

October 10 – Columbus Day Holiday

October 27-28, November 1-2 – Ag Magic

**Director Report:** Given by Robert Berry

- We received a letter from Lieutenant Governor's office that we were voted Best of Louisiana 35 Places to Visit.
- All three piers in the park are now operational.
- We are working in the primitive camping area and hope to be up and running by first of the year.
- We will hold the TBF Student Angler Federation High School Fishing Southern Conference Championship this weekend on Saturday.

- The salvinia is down from about 275 acres to 50 acres. The boon structure that has been put up has been helpful in keeping the vegetation contained, but it had been cut. We will get out there to get it fixed.

**Old Business:**

- Letter to Longleaf

A motion was made to authorize legal counsel to send a demand letter to Longleaf addressing the deteriorating seawall and fill of the lake bed was made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Wyche. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

- Complaints from Michael Stewart
  - Mr. Stewart has submitted several requests for information on fishing on or around controlled structures. Legal counsel wanted to inform the Board and the public of these request and to let them know they were working on these with him. This matter was discussion only, no vote was taken.

A motion was made to enter into executive session by Mr. Wyche and seconded by Mr. Fowler. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

A motion was made to enter back into regular session by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Wyche. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

There being no further business at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Berry and seconded by Mr. Wyche to adjourn the meeting. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

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Alan Warren, President

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Jerry Fowler, Vice-President