

November 08, 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, Walt Bigby

Absent: None

Also Present: Chelle Carroll, Nancy Scripture, Lee Aryes, Madora Abney, Travis Simmons, Ed Cooper, Ann and Gailen 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 10-11-2016 Board Meeting was made by Mr. Berry 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. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Fowler. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

Nature Center Report: Given by Madora Abney

Total number impacted by Cypress Nature Study Center October 2016 3,831

Memorandum

The Nature Center and Cypress Park participated in an emergency lockdown drill in conjunction with the Bossier Parish School's Lock Down Drill. Prior to the emergency drill we met with Central Office Director of Security for Bossier Parish Schools, Adam Johnson, to discuss the Nature Center's Plan of Action.

Thank you to Cypress Board for having Wilhite Electric Company install plugs for our new projector and Smart Board.

Thank you to Bill Altimus from the Bossier Parish Police Jury for donating a Bossier Parish Flag to the Cypress Nature Center.

We have met with Boy Scout, Douglas Graham, from Benton about placement of his Eagle Project. He will be placing his monofilament recycling containers on the piers throughout the park this week.

The Nature Center Staff represented Cypress Park and Cypress Nature Center at the Louisiana State Fair Ag Magic. We informed the public on the problems with invasive species such as salvinia and water hyacinth. The Nature Center placed a request with Mr. Berry to spray the Educational Inlet the next spray date as the water hyacinth is taking over again.

Coming Soon

November 1-2 – Ag Magic at the Louisiana State Fair

November 8 – Election Day

November 21-25 – Thanksgiving Break

Director Report: Given by Robert Berry

- Our primitive camping area bathroom is near completion. Then we will start on the camping pads. We should have it available by the first of the year.
- We are in the process of updating the cabins. We have cleared the area and should have plans from Mike McSwain Architects next week.
- Our winter hours are in effect. We will be open Monday through Sunday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- We will present the budget at our next meeting.

Old Business:

- Michael Stewart Concerns
 - Mr. Stewart was not in attendance. Lee Aryes went over communication he has had with Mr. Stewart.

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

Alan Warren, President

Jerry Fowler, Vice-President