

December 13, 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, Madora Abney, Stacey Smith, Charles Keene, and Rosemarie Goin

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 by Mr. Warren. Roll call was made by Chelle Carroll.

A motion to amend the agenda to change the item 2016 proposed budget to the 2017 proposed budget was made by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mr. Fowler. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Fowler. The prayer was given by Mr. Warren.

A motion to approve the minutes from the 11-08-2016 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 Madora Abney

Walk-in visitors to Cypress Nature Study Center for November, 2016 255

November 1	Ag Magic at the State Fair (974)
November 2	Ag Magic at the State Fair (1205)
November 3	Benton High School; AP Environmental Science (50)
November 4	Curtis Elementary; 5th Grade (52)
November 9	Plantation Park Elementary; 1st Grade (82)
November 10	Plantation Park Elementary; 1st Grade (42)
November 15	Benton Elementary; 2nd Grade (61)
November 16	Benton Elementary; 2nd Grade (40)
November 17	Sun City Elementary; 2nd Grade (86)
November 29	Princeton Elementary; 4th Grade (101)
November 30	Princeton Elementary; 4th Grade (110)

Total number impacted by Cypress Nature Study Center November 2016 3,058

**Memorandum**

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.

Met with Thomas Delrie to get Cypress Nature Study Center up to date and in the Safe Plans System. This is where police can access the various safety plans that we have in case of emergency situations.

It is official, Melissa Whittington has retired from her position as Director of Education at Cypress Nature Study Center after 18 years of service.

The Nature Center Staff would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Coming Soon**

December 19 – January 2 – Christmas Break

Week of January 16 – Floors waxed at Nature Center

**Director Report:** Given by Robert Berry

- Holiday season has begun. Thanksgiving week was pretty busy.
- 2017 boat stickers are now on sale.

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

A motion was made to enter into a public hearing by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Bigby. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

- Resolution 2016-003 read as follows:

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Fowler and seconded by Commissioner Bigby.

CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2016-003  
 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION  
 AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S 2016 BUDGET ORIGINALLY ADOPTED  
 ON DECEMBER 15, 2015

WHEREAS, the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana ("State") and a district created and existing pursuant to Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, as amended (La. R.S. 38:2601 et seq), and other relevant constitutional and statutory authority;

WHEREAS, La. R.S.39:1310 and 1311 require that the 2015 budget of the District, as originally adopted on December 9, 2014, be amended to more accurately project the estimated actual revenues and expenditures for the period ending December 31, 2016;

WHEREAS, the 2016 amended budget of the District is presented as Schedule A to this resolution;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was set for and held on December 13, 2016 to allow for public input, that the 2016 amended budget be and is hereby adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that after receiving public input, that the 2016 amended budget be and is hereby adopted.

Resolution no. 2016-003 was read in full at an open and legal session convened. After public comment, the above and foregoing was offered for adoption, seconded, then approved by the following vote:

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT
Alan Warren	X		
Gary Wyche	X		
Robert Berry	X		
Jerry Fowler	X		
Walter Bigby	X		

- Resolution 2016-004 read as follows:

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Wyche and seconded by Commissioner Fowler.

CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2016-004  
 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION  
 AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S 2017 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana ("State") and a district created and existing pursuant to Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, as amended (La. R.S. 38:2601 et seq), and other relevant constitutional and statutory authority;

WHEREAS, the 2017 budget of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District is presented as Schedule A to this resolution;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was set for and held on December 13, 2016 to allow for public input and comment;

WHEREAS, notice of the December 13, 2016 public hearing was published as required by Louisiana law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that after receiving public input, the 2017 budget be and is hereby adopted.

Resolution No. 2016-004 was read in full at an open and legal session convened. After public comment, the above and foregoing was offered for adoption, seconded, then approved by the following vote:

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT
Alan Warren	X		
Gary Wyche	X		
Robert Berry	X		
Jerry Fowler	X		
Walter Bigby	X		

A motion was made to close the public hearing by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Bigby. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

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

**New Business:**

- Resolution to request information from the DOTD regarding ongoing litigation with Longleaf
- Resolution 2016-005 reads as follows:

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Bigby and seconded by Commissioner Fowler.

CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2016-005

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER AND STORAGE OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND

DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENTS TO CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana ("State") and a district created and existing pursuant to Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, as amended (La. R.S. 38:2601 et seq), and other relevant constitutional and statutory authority;

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development ("DOTD") is a body corporate created pursuant to Title 36 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, as amended (La. R.S. 36:501 et seq), and other relevant constitutional and statutory authority;

WHEREAS, DOTD desires to transfer its records regarding the District's design, engineering, and maintenance to the District;

WHEREAS, the District agrees to accept said records and to store them on District property;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was set for and held on December 13, 2016 to allow for public input and comment;

WHEREAS, notice of the December 13, 2016 public hearing was published as required by Louisiana law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that after receiving public input, the above Resolution 2016-005 is adopted;

The above and foregoing resolution was read in full at an open and legal session convened. After public comment, the above and foregoing was offered for adoption, seconded, and then approved by the following vote:

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT
Alan Warren	X		
Gary Wyche	X		
Robert Berry	X		
Jerry Fowler	X		
Walt Bigby	X		

**Old Business:**

- Update on Delinquent Landowners
  - There are 9 that remain outstanding. Confirmation of default has been filed. We executed affidavits and they will be signed by the court this week. We will then take steps to collect the judgements by garnishing wages or seize property.

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. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Berry. 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. 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