

July 12, 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: Jerry Fowler, Robert Berry, Gary Wyche, Walt Bigby

Absent: Alan Warren

Also Present: Chelle Carroll, Nancy Scripture, Stacey Smith, Lee Aryes, Melissa Whittington, Ed Murphy, Bill Hine, Greg Madden, Bob Robinson Jr., Henry Simmons, John Fulco

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

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

A motion to approve the minutes from the 06-01-2016 Special Meeting was made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Bigby. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

A motion to approve the minutes from the 06-14-2016 Board Meeting was made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Bigby. 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. Berry. 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 June 2016 _____ 518 _____

Educational Activities

June 1	Benton United Methodist Church (no show) Mother's Day Out Group (52)
June 2	Cypress Baptist Child Development (26) Athletic Academy (van trouble)
June 7	Benton United Methodist Church (no show) Athletic Academy (cancelled)
June 8	Benton PreK & Child Care (cancelled)
June 9	Pax Day Camp (52)
June 14	Cypress Baptist Child Development (19)
June 15	Bossier Parish High School's MSP Training (48) Lagniappe Montessori (22)-zoo only
June 21	Athletic Academy (no show)
June 23	Eastwood Baptist Church (no show)
June 29	Benton Pre-School (28)

Total number impacted June 2016 _____ 796 _____

Coming Soon

August 6, 2016 form 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.-Master Naturalist Class will utilize the Nature Center and Trails. The class will be led by Cooperative Extension Agent, Ricky Kilpatrick.

August 1 & 2-School Inservice Trainings for Teachers

August 8-Students return to school

Director Report: Given by Robert Berry

- The launch at Hwy. 162 is now open. Thank you to Beast Engineering for overseeing the project.

A motion to approve the additional cost from additional striping and an install of a new plastic pipe was made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Bigby. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

- RV pier is almost complete. After completion, we will start work on the Hwy 162 pier.

- The Y to the beach area is in need of repair before the Triathlon on August 6, 2016. We will open bids next Tuesday, July 19 at 3:30 PM.
- Fourth of July was excellent and the park had no issues.
- We would like to thank Mr. Greg Madden for his contributions to the park by presenting him with a plaque.

New Business:

- State Farm Claim: We have not received any compensation regarding State Farm's insured driver hitting one of our park vehicles on June 6, 2016.

A motion was made to file suit against State Farm by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Fowler. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

Old Business:

- Hank Moore

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

- James H. Harvey

A motion to make Mr. Harvey move the building and slab from flowage easement and have legal counsel file suit if not compliant was made by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Fowler. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

- Travis Smith

A motion was made to ask Mr. Smith to remove fill from flowage easement and have legal counsel file suit if not compliant. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

- Eviction Proceedings for Delinquent Landowners

A motion to initiate eviction proceedings for delinquent landowners was made by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Fowler. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

- Longleaf Development Survey

- We want to set a survey to show the in fee and flowage easement as it was on this property. We should have the survey scheduled with Coyle Engineering sometime this week.

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. Berry 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.

Gary Wyche, President

Alan Warren, Vice-President