

March 14, 2017
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, Charles Keene, Don Jett, Bill Hine, Jeff Sibly, Rosemarie Goin, and A. Valcho

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. Wyche and seconded by Mr. Fowler. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

A motion to approve the minutes from the 02-14-2017 Board Meeting 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 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

Walk-in visitors to Cypress Nature Study Center for February, 2017 283

February 02	Apollo Elementary Science Fair Meeting (101 Projects)
February 09	Louisiana Society of Animal Artists Meeting (15)
February 11	Eagle Scout Meeting (3)
February 17	Basslife (3)
February 17	Haughton High SPED (22)
February 20	Hunting Skills (11)
February 22	Sun City Elementary; 2nd grade (42)
February 23	Apollo Elementary; 5th grade (53)
February 24	Curtis Elementary; 5th grade (52)
February 28	Kerr Elementary; PreK (18)
February 29	KISS Country Radio Show "Hook 'em Up and Track 'em Down" (100 +)
Total number impacted by Cypress Nature Study Center in February <u>703</u>	

Memorandum

Thank you to Mr. Berry for having maintenance reset the bridge on Beaver trail and for transferring cage from zoo to the Nature Center for an outdoor pen for our squirrel.

Thank you to Coty Wilson for adding dirt and wood to the base of the Butterfly Bed.

The Nature Center is hosting "Art in the Park" for the Bossier Parish School Board featuring artwork by The Louisiana Society of Animal Artists. This will serve as a fundraiser for updates at the Nature Center. "Art in the Park" will be March 11, 2017. There will be a fishing rodeo for the kids, arts, food and fun for all ages.

The Cypress Nature Study Center was featured on KISS Country Radio talk-show "Hook 'em Up and Track 'em Down" – we reached a numerous amount of people through this talk show.

Coming Events

March 11 – Cypress Nature Center's "Art in the Park"

March 27 – 31 Spring Break for Bossier Parish Schools

Director Report: Given by Robert Berry

- The marina will be open this coming weekend.
- Within the next month, we expect the new cabins to be open. They will be \$125.00 a night with a two night minimum during busy season.

New Business:

- Wildlife and Fisheries-Vegetation on Black Bayou
 - Mr. Jeff Sibley spoke on the vegetation on Black Bayou and what the state had and will be doing in order to control it. They will be coming out on rotation. There is a link on the park's website under the landowner tab to the WLF control plan.
- AT&T Resolution 2017-001
 - The vote unanimously passed to name Robert Berry to be the authorizing person on all AT&T accounts. This resolution was to be able to update our accounts with current employees of the park.

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

Alan Warren, President

Jerry Fowler, Vice-President