

May 09, 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

Absent: Walt Bigby

Also Present: Chelle Carroll, Nancy Scripture, Lee Aryes, Ryan Brown, Rodney Thornhill, Hank Moore, Warren Moore, Ken Smith, Charles Keene, Charles Branagan, Randy Miller, Rosemarie Goin, Galen 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.

It was noted that we had a workshop on 04/06/2017 with no minutes taken.

A motion to approve the minutes from the 04-11-2017 Special 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 minutes from the 04-19-2017 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. 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

Total number impacted by Cypress Nature Study Center in April 1,494

*Memorandum*

Thank you to the work crew for cleaning up our nature trails.

The Cypress Nature Study Center participated in the Bossier Parish Schools Showcase at the Louisiana Boardwalk. Students and families loved our display and information about the Nature Center.

Eagle Scout Candidate Zachary Burleson will be working on benches for the area by the Educational Inlet. These benches will be used by students as we discuss educational topics outside. He will also be making a sign for our Butterfly Garden area.

*Coming Events*

May 12 – Last day for seniors

May 24 – last day for Bossier Parish Students

**Director Report:** Given by Robert Berry

- We have installed a new front gate system.
- We have been in contact with contract sprayers regarding the salvinia.
- Mr. and Mrs. Gibson brought up horse trailers in the RV area. The board will take it under advisement.

**Old Business:**

- Rodney Thornhill
  - Mr. Thornhill's lawyer, Ryan Brown, asked the board for a variance contingent upon full mitigation of any loss of the flowage easement regarding his installment of a swimming pool. The suggestion from Mr. Warren was to discuss this further in a special meeting at a later date.

**New Business:**

- Cypress Inn Event Center
  - The owners of the Cypress Inn Restaurant want to build a new event center where the restaurant used to be. They want to do it on pier and beam to protect the flowage easement. The board will need more information and a set of drawings from the owners.

A motion to enter into executive session was made 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. Bigby 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