

June 13, 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, Walt Bigby, and Robert Berry

Absent: None

Also Present: Chelle Carroll, Nancy Scripture, Stacey Melerine, Robert Verret, Joe Gaston, and Rosemarie Goin

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 05-04-2017 Special 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 minutes from the 05-09-2017 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 minutes from the 05-23-2017 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 bills for payment was made by Mr. Bigby 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 May 846

Memorandum

- Boy Scout Zach Burlison is presenting his final proposal to the Eagle Scout Review Board so that he can move forward with his Eagle Project.
- Eagle update – our young eagle fledged from the nest and is trying to build skills to survive on his own. Rick Rowe has been videoing the nest and has great footage that he will make into a special. Thank you to the park for allowing him to come often to video the nest.
- Channel 12's Josh Roberson did a morning segment at the Nature Center to promote the park as a good place for families to "Staycation" with their children.

Coming Events

July 4 – Independence Day Holiday

August 12, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Master Naturalist Class will utilize the Nature Center and Trails. Cooperative Extension Agent, Ricky Kilpatrick, will lead the class.

Director Report: Given by Robert Berry

- Marina will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays except for holiday weekends.
- The North end of Black Bayou has been sprayed and Wildlife and Fisheries came out to help place the boom structure.
- Big thanks to the Highway Department for the quick maintenance to the bridge on Linton Road.

Old Business:

- Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire

A motion to sign the Compliance Questionnaire regarding our audit was made by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Fowler. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

New Business:

- Mark Ford Engagement Letter

A motion to sign the engagement letter for Mark Ford CPA to continue with accounting services was made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Bigby. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

- Water's Edge Subdivision Drainage Easement
 - This is a new subdivision
 - The plan details regarding the drainage have not been released yet.

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

A motion to give our legal counsel authorization to seek legal action against 202 West Lake Road owned by Acadiana Properties was made by Mr. Bigby 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