

July 11, 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, Lee Aryes, Stacey Melerine, Madora Abney, Robert Verret, Michael Kelsch, Reggie Lewis, Travis Studivant, Rosemarie Goin, Ed Cooper, Eric Bates, and Fred Alex

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. Bigby. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

A motion to approve the minutes from the 06-13-2017 Board Meeting 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 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 June 902

Memorandum

We are beginning to prepare for the 17-18 school year – revising lesson plans to align with new standards. We are very excited to begin the new year.

Thank you to Mr. Berry for spraying the water hyacinth in our inlet.

Coming Events

August 12, 2017 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Master Naturalist Class

Director Report: Given by Robert Berry

- Fourth of July went well.
- We would like to thank Wildlife and Fisheries and the private contractors for helping as much as they can in regards to the salvinina.

New Business:

- Adopt the Ad Valorem Property Tax Millage Rate of 1.56 for 2017

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Warren and Seconded by Commissioner Berry.

Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District

Resolution No. 2017-002

Be it resolved, that the following millage is hereby levied on the 2017 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District:

2017 Millage

Maintenance and Operations 1.56 mills

Be it further resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, be and hereby is empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2017, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, after public input at a public meeting, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

	Yeas	Nays	Absent
Gary Wyche	X		
Walter Bigby	X		
Alan Warren	X		
Robert Berry	X		
Jerry Fowler	X		

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 11th day of July, 2017.
CypressBlack Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District,
State of Louisiana
Robert Berry, Executive Director

Old Business:

- Water's Edge #2

A motion to sign a letter of approval contingent on the no effect letter from the Corp of Engineers was made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Bigby. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

- Robert Verret

- Mr. Verret's existing home is on District owned property. The area that he is willing to do an act of exchange on is lakefront property which is a benefit to the district.

A motion to proceed with an act of exchange for approximately 1400 square feet 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 enter into executive session 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 enter back into the regular meeting 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. Wyche to adjourn the meeting. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

Alan Warren, President

Jerry Fowler, Vice-President