

August 08, 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: Jerry Fowler, Gary Wyche, Alan Warren, and Robert Berry

Absent: Walt Bigby

Also Present: Chelle Carroll, Nancy Scripture, Stacey Melerine, Frank Zey, Charles Keene, Ed Cooper, Jack LaGrone, Ryan Brown, Micha Duffy, Jon David Murray, and Rosemarie Goin

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 by Mr. Fowler. Roll call was made by Chelle Carroll.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Wyche. The prayer was given by Mr. Warren.

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

A motion to approve the minutes from the 07-06-2017 Special Meeting was made by Mr. Warren 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 07-11-2017 Monthly Board Meeting was made by Mr. Warren 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. Wyche and seconded by Mr. Warren. 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 730

*Memorandum*

Thank you to Mr. Berry for having our Air Conditioner fixed in the Education Room.

Classes at the Nature Center will begin in September. We are very excited to begin the new year. This year we are expanding our High School Field Trips to include Biology I and AP Biology Classes.

*Coming Events*

July 30 – August 1	School In-service Trainings for Teachers
August 2	Students return to school
August 12	Master Naturalist Class

**Director Report:** Given by Robert Berry

- River Cities Triathlon was a huge success. Thank you to all involved.
- We have started to receive bids for the new RV restroom.
- There is still water going across the spillway, which is not typical this time of year. We would like everyone to be aware that flooding may become an issue.

**New Business:**

- Audit for 2016
  - For 2016, there were no findings.
  - Looking to the future, the board will need to look at adjusting day to day operation fees and adjust landowner fees as agreement with bond commission and banks that bought the bonds.
- Proposed Resolution 2017-003
  - This resolution involves large group gatherings at the beach area. We would like the authority to move any gatherings over 20 to our party shelters.
  - We will discuss this at the next meeting

**Old Business:**

- Rodney Thornhill Request for Variance
  - Mr. Thornhill has submitted a proposal that would give the park a few cubic feet to the flowage easement. Legal counsel's recommendation is to get Mr. Easterly, the park's engineer to look it over and give his recommendations.
  
- Longleaf Seawall
  - Longleaf is working with the Corp of Engineers to get the proper permit to fix the seawall.

A motion to enter into executive session was made by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mr. Wyche. 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. Warren. 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. Warren 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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Jerry Fowler, President

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Gary Wyche, Vice-President