

September 12, 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, Walt Bigby, and Robert Berry

Absent: Alan Warren

Also Present: Chelle Carroll, Nancy Scripture, Stacey Melerine, Lee Aryes, Jeff Hicks, Bill Hine, Beth Ketchum, Bob Shadow, Mike Loftin, Rosemarie Goin, Warren and Linda Windham

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. Fowler. The prayer was given by Mr. Wyche.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Wyche 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 08-08-2017 Monthly Board Meeting was made by Mr. Wyche 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 08-25-2017 Special Meeting was made by Mr. Bigby 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. Bigby. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

Nature Center Report: Given by Madora Abney

The total number impacted during the month of August 2017 _____ 316 _____

Memorandum

Benton High School Senior Katherine Parker will build a Sensory Pathway for Autistic Students in an area around the Nature Center.

Eagle Scout Candidate Zach Burleson finished his Eagle Scout Project. He created benches and placed them by our education inlet for an outdoor classroom. He also created a sign kiosk for our butterfly garden.

Zac Anderson will be making an outdoor turtle habitat for his Eagle Scout Project. This will be a playground for our box turtles.

With the unusually wet weather this August, the nature center staff has been monitoring mosquito activities.

Coming Soon

Labor Day Holiday – Monday, September 4, 2017

Eagle Scout Project – on September 5, Preston Willis will sink his artificial fish habitat in the lake at a certain GPS location.

AgMagic @ the State Fair of Louisiana – we will participate Wednesday – Friday, November 1-3.

Director Report: Given by Robert Berry

- Wildlife and Fisheries have been out spraying. They will rotate between the two lakes using a new formula. There will be no plans to draw down the lakes.
- We will add another pier to the Parks Rd. launch starting next week.

Old Business:

- Discussion of Audit Recommendation to Increase Fees
 - Wanted to address increase of all fees so we will be able to discuss and vote at the next meeting.

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

A motion to give legal counsel authority to order Mr. Michael Vasko to remove wall that encroaches the flowage easement per the Coyle Engineering survey was made by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Wyche. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

A motion to give legal counsel authority to obtain the DOTD books from Bruce Easterly was made by Mr. Wyche and seconded by Mr. Bigby. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

A motion to give legal counsel authority to file suit against the 2017 delinquent landowners was made by Mr. Bigby 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. Wyche and seconded by Mr. Bigby to adjourn the meeting. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

Jerry Fowler, President

Gary Wyche, Vice-President