

February 13, 2018  
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, Walt Bigby, and Robert Berry

Absent: None

Also Present: Chelle Carroll, Stacey Melerine, Lee Ayres, Ed Cooper, and Harvey Deckman

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 amend the agenda to add reading a letter from Mr. Mike Loftin was made by Mr. Berry and seconded by Mr. Wyche. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Mr. Warren 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 01-09-2018 Monthly Board Meeting was made by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mr. Bigby. 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:** Read by Madora Abney

Total number impacted by Cypress Nature Study Center in January 81

*Memorandum*

The Nature Center was closed to the public January 22 – January 23 for floor waxing.

A very special "Thank You!" to the board for the floor waxing.

*Coming Events*

February 2 – Benton Middle School Science Fair

February 19 - President's Day

**Director Report:** Given by Robert Berry

- The heat strips at the nature center's air unit are not working in the meeting room. We can look at getting Wilhite Electric to switch back to heat from the air, but we may not be able to switch back without damaging the unit.
- RV bathhouse is coming along well and we are ahead of schedule.
- Salvinia has been dying off due to the weather. We will be proactive coming into spring and we should have a great year!
- We have had record size fish caught recently off of our lakes so the fishing has been very good.

**Old Business:**

- Authorize Legal Counsel to File Suit Against Delinquent Landowners for 2018
  - We have 85 unpaid landowners as of today. We can file suit in March.

A motion to authorize legal counsel to file suit against delinquent landowners was made by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mr. Berry. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

**New Business:**

- Mr. Mike Loftin wrote a letter to the board to request that the agendas be posted 10 days in advance instead of 24 hours and to also have information on the home page regarding board activity. The board of commissioners is abiding by statutes so legal counsel recommends that we continue as we have been doing. The board will take it under advisement.

- Bruce Easterly gave an update on the spillway. He stated that we will need to look at the pilings soon for repair. We will also need to overlay the exit road coming out of our RV area.

A motion was made to authorize Mr. Easterly to talk to the Police Jury to see if they would be able to help with the overlay of the road was made by Mr. Berry and seconded by Mr. Bigby. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

- Approval of Revised Policies and Regulations of Cypress Black Bayou
  - We have updated the policies and regulations to add items that have previously been voted on.

These items are not new. We have just added those and updated it to be more readable.

A motion to approve the revised policies and regulations 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 enter into executive session was made by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Warren. 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. Wyche and seconded by Mr. Bigby 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