

May 08, 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, Curtis Shelton, Kyle Cathcart, Bruce and Brenda Arnold

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 include Mr. Bruce Arnold and Mr. James Harvey for discussion only was made by Mr. Berry and seconded by Mr. Bigby. 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. Wyche. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

A motion to approve the minutes from the 04-10-2018 Monthly Board Meeting 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 bills for payment was made by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mr. Wyche. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

**Nature Center Report:** Read by Chelle Carroll

Total number impacted by Cypress Nature Study Center in March 1,023

*Memorandum*

The two high school groups had a blast at the Nature Center. We performed water quality testing of Cypress Lake. The water quality is very good.

*Coming Events*

May 05-Benton High School Senior is having her AP Environmental Science Project-Family Fishing Event held at the Nature Center's Education Inlet. During this event she will be teaching anyone who comes about local fish species, safe catch and release methods, and fishing techniques.

May 11-Last day for seniors

May 24-Last day for Bossier Parish students

**Director Report:** Given by Robert Berry

- The beach area has had high water which has prevented the water testing. We hope to have the beach area open soon.
- Started to install new buoys at the beach.
- A new route for the cycling part of the Triathlon has been approved.

**New Business:**

- Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for 2017 Audit

A motion to give Cook and Morehart authorization to proceed with the 2017 audit by approving the compliance questionnaire was made by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Wyche. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

- Dilapidated Boathouses or Piers
  - Recently there have been multiple complaints regarding dilapidated boathouses or piers. Mr. Josh Cathcart brought one to the attention of the board. After further discussion, it was decided that the board will need to figure out how to proceed with this.

- Mr. Arnold had questions regarding easements and responsibility. There is an issue with a pier that is attached to Mr. Arnold's retaining wall and they are talking about extending it and building a boathouse. It was recommended that the Board give Mr. Berry the authority to not approve any more boathouses until the legal counsel has looked into this.
- Mr. Havey discussed his property and future plans regarding building.

There being no further business at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Warren 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