

October 10, 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, Bruce Easterly, Charles Keene, Reggie Lewis, Michael Kelsch, Michael Milliot, Eric Bates, Ann and Cliff Timmers

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. Bigby.

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 09-12-2017 Monthly Board 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 minutes from the 09-25-2017 Special 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 bills for payment was made by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Wyche. Public comment was requested. Mrs. Anne Timmers commented on budget. The vote was unanimously carried.

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

Total number impacted by Cypress Nature Study Center September 2017 1236

*Memorandum*

On September 8th, the Nature Center participated in a Lock Down Drill held by Bossier Parish Schools. We feel confident in our ability to handle emergency situations as they arise while we have students in our facility.

Continuing to meet with Boy Scout from Benton about their Eagle Projects. Zach Anderson will be constructing a turtle habitat outside

Katherine Parker will be constructing a sensory path for autistic students for her Senior Project.

Educational Inlet Bridge Closed: Our educational inlet bridge is closed and roped off due to cracked and sagging boards. We are awaiting repair of the boards so that we can resume taking our students across inlet. The estimated time of repairs is unknown at this time.

*Coming Soon*

October 9-13 – Columbus Day; Fall Break for Bossier Parish Schools

October 27, November 1 – The Nature Center will be participating in Ag Magic at the State Fair of Louisiana

**Director Report:** Given by Robert Berry

- The fall season is here. We are doing some maintenance in the RV area.
- We are installing another pier at the Parks Rd. launch due to the boat traffic. We will also need to look at doing an overlay at this launch.
- We have made some cuts in the park to help with maintenance around the park as well as spraying for salvinia. We will have contract sprayers out this weekend.

**New Business:**

- Land Donation for Water's Edge #2
  - They have met all the requirements.
  - They will donate an 8000 square foot area to protect the flowage easement

A motion to give Robert Berry authorization to sign the donation was made by Mr. Wyche and seconded by Mr. Bigby.

The roll call vote for approval is as follows:

Jerry Fowler	Yay
Gary Wyche	Yay
Alan Warren	Absent
Walt Bigby	Yay
Robert Berry	Yay

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

**Old Business:**

- Update on Cypress Black Bayou Preservation Society

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 file an injunction against Cypress Black Bayou Preservation Society 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.

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Jerry Fowler, President

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Gary Wyche, Vice-President