

June 12, 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, Alan Warren, Walt Bigby, and Robert Berry

Absent: Gary Wyche

Also Present: Chelle Carroll, Lee Ayres, Ricky Harris, Michael Randle, Bubbo Cook, Ed Cooper, Jennyne Pinter, Charles Keene, Anne Timmers, Cliff Timmers, Bruce Arnold, Mike Milliot, Betty Whittle, Donna Aubrey, Mike Loftin, Dean and Lisa Harmon

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. Bigby. The prayer was given by Mr. Warren.

A motion to approve the 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 05-08-2018 Monthly Board Meeting 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 approve the bills for payment was made by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mr. Bigby. 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 May 750

Memorandum

- Thank you to David for repairing our air conditioner in the Education Room.
- Reese Miller, AP Environmental Science Student at Benton High School, had a successful "Family Fishing Event" at Cypress Nature Center's Education Inlet. She provided poles for whoever wanted to fish and gave some fishing tips along the way. Twenty-eight participants took advantage of the fishing fun.

Coming Events

July 4 – Independence Day Holiday

Director Report: Given by Robert Berry

- The new RV bath house is finished.
- Primitive camping area will be open this weekend.
- We did put up buoys on the North end of Black Bayou due to some complaints regarding the wake.
- Cypress Forest Subdivision has some questions regarding their pier. Mr. Easterly will get with them to make a plan.

New Business:

- Mark Ford CPA Engagement Letter

A motion to continue service with Mark Ford, CPA firm was made by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mr. Bigby. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

- Resolution 2018-001

- Levy the Property Tax Millage Rate for 2018 at 1.56 mils

A motion to levy the tax millage at 1.56 mils was made by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Warren. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Bigby and seconded by Commissioner Warren.

CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION AND
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-001

BE IT RESOLVED that the following millage is hereby levied on the 2018 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District:

2018 MILLAGE

Maintenance and Operations

1.56 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, hereby is empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said parish for the year 2018, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, after public input at a public meeting, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT
Gary Wyche			X
Walter Bigby	X		
Alan Warren	X		
Robert Berry	X		
Jerry Fowler	X		

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this 12th day of June, 2018.

CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Robert Berry, Executive Director

Old Business:

- Empresa Energy Contract-Water Usage
 - Mr. Ricky Harris from Empresa Energy answered questions from the public.

A motion to authorize legal to send a proposed contract to Empresa Energy was made by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Warren. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

- Bruce Arnold Property
 - After much discussion regarding the pier, no board decision was made.

A motion to go into executive session was made by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mr. Bigby. 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. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Warren to adjourn the meeting. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

Jerry Fowler, President

Gary Wyche, Vice-President