

May 14, 2019  
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: Walter Bigby, Gary Wyche, Jerry Fowler and Robert Berry

Absent: Alan Warren

Also Present: Chelle Carroll, Alex Vozella, Charles Keene, Rosemarie Goin, Brian Clausing, Mike Loftin, Ed Cooper, Jack Lagrone, Bruce and Brenda Arnold

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Mr. Wyche.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Fowler. The prayer was given by Mr. Bigby. Roll call was made by Chelle Carroll.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Fowler. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

A motion to approve the minutes from the 04-09-2019 Monthly Meeting was made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Bigby. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

There was a workshop on 4-25-2019 where no minutes were taken.

**Nature Center Report:** Read by Kelly Kruithof

Total number impacted by Cypress Nature Study Center 575

*Memorandum:*

Weather has been a huge issue. We have had to cancel and reschedule several classes.

I have been a mentor to an AP Environmental Science student. He has built a fish habitat. Thank you Mr. Berry for letting him place it in the lake.

*Coming Soon:*

Bossier Parish Schools have summer break starting May 24.

**Director's Report:** Given by Robert Berry

- We did close the lake due to high water. Thank you to Mr. Culverhouse for help with the media to get out the information about the lakes being closed. We were asked about opening the control devices. There are multiple intentions that we have to go through to open those. We have no plan to use those because the water goes over the spillway.
- We do have a proposed tax millage that will be voted on in October, but until that comes up, we will need to go up on the landowner fees as we voted on. There will be a bridge closure coming in 2020 that will affect us.
- Thank you to Brookshire's for the produce donations.
- We re-strung the buoys again, however they have been cut already.

**New Business:**

- SWEPCO
  - SWEPCO will be taking over the electrical system. We will have to shut down the RV area in October for them to start on that phase.

A motion was made to give Mr. Berry and legal counsel authority to sign the necessary paperwork with SWEPCO by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Bigby. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

- Hearne Property
  - This is one of the three properties on Shirley Court. There is a canal that was dug and not permitted by the Board. The property under the canal should have been deeded back to the Board on the three properties when it was dug. Mr. Hearne will deed back his area.

A motion to purchase Mr. Hearne's property in the in fee area and under the canal at a cost of \$2250.00 was made by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Fowler. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

**Old Business:**

- Delinquent Landowners
  - We have 26 left that have not paid thier fees and suits have been filed.
- Hall Property
  - The Hall's were not present, so there was no discussion.

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

A motion was made to come out of executive session back into the regular meeting was made by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Fowler. 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. Fowler to adjourn the meeting. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

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Gary Wyche, President

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Alan Warren, Vice-President