

January 16, 2020  
Special Board Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, Bossier Parish, Louisiana was held in the Nature Center, located in the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation Area, Benton, Louisiana on the above date with the following:

Present: Walter Bigby, Mel Allen, Gary Wyche and Robert Berry

Absent: Jerry Fowler

Also Present: Chelle Carroll, Alex Vozzella, Lee Ayres, Bruce Easterly, Shannon Brown, Rex Moncrief, and Andrew Jacobs

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Mr. Bigby.

Roll call was made by Chelle Carroll.

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

Consideration of Rodney Thornhill's Updated Swimming Pool Proposal

- This is the second proposal that is being presented. The Board of Commissioners has an issue with the location of the pool due to it being entirely in the flowage easement.
- Mrs. Shannon Brown presented that they had met with the parish engineer to verify that the parish would only need a temporary construction easement in regards to the Linton Rd. Bridge expansion. Mrs. Brown also stated that she believes all the concerns Mr. Easterly had regarding the original proposal were addressed in the new proposal drawn up by Mr. Micha Duffy with Coyle Engineering.
- There was discussion regarding the Board's concerns with the current proposal and potential alternative options for location or design of the swimming pool. Mr. Berry asked Mrs. Brown whether Mr. Thornhill would consider one of these alternative options, and Mrs. Brown stated that is not what Mr. Thornhill wants to do. A statement was made on whether to enter into executive session. Mrs. Brown objected to the Board entering into executive session. The Board did not motion to enter into Executive Session.
- Mr. Bigby called for a motion to deny the proposal as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Wyche and seconded by Mr. Allen to deny the proposal as presented.

Although Mr. Bigby intended to vote to deny the proposal as presented and thought he had done so [as confirmed by Mr. Bigby in the February 11, 2020 meeting], it is unclear from the audio recording of the meeting whether Mr. Bigby verbalized his vote to deny the proposal as presented. Mr. Berry abstained.

- There was some discussion between Mrs. Brown and Mr. Berry regarding other options.

A motion to entertain a different proposal with focus on lowering the height of the wall and moving the pool over to have minimal impact on the flowage easement was made by Mr. Berry. There was no second. Motion failed for lack of second.

There being no further business at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Wyche to adjourn the meeting. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

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Walt Bigby, President

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Jerry Fowler, Vice-President