

February 9, 2010

A Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District , Bossier Parish, Louisiana was held in the Administrative office, located inside the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation Area, Benton, Louisiana on the above date with the following being present:

Present: Wes Burdine, Sonny Head, Ralph Whitley, Ernest Covington

Absent: Jerry Juneau

Also Present: Dickie Walden, Sandra Baldwin, James Southerland, Bruce Easterly, Bobby Hardcastle, Richard Hiller, Melissa Whittington, Robert Berry, Emmett Smith, Mike Strayhan, Brian Russell, Dr. Gia Morgan, Hulya Onel, Sonny Landry

Mr. Head, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Mr. Covington, seconded by Mr. Whitley. The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve the Minutes of Meeting January 12, 2010 was made by Mr. Covington, seconded by Mr. Whitley. The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve the Revenue and Expenditures and Bills for payment was made by Mr. Covington, seconded by Mr. Whitley. The motion was unanimously approved.

Melissa Whittington gave the following Nature Center Report:

Total number impacted by Cypress Nature Study Center for January was 623.

The wish list of needs at the nature center is quickly diminishing with the help of maintenance and the Cypress work crew. The bridge that shifted due to flooding will cost approximately \$550.00 in materials to replace. This needs to be accomplished before the 2010 High Season begins. Work on the exterior of the nature center began the first week of February. The paint is peeling on the exterior of the nature center and beginning to show its age – I highly recommend that it be repainted within the year.

At this time President Burdine chaired the meeting.

Old Business:

- a) Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between CBBRW&WCD and Brown Contractor, LLC –
The agreement was to have Brown Contractors remove trees within the two acres to

build a pasture for more animals for the zoo. Brown Contractor had agreed to remove the trees for the rent of his equipment and fuel. However, since the price of timber has gone down it would not cover expenses. Therefore Brown Contractor wants Cypress Park to make up the difference. On motion by Mr. Whitley, seconded by Mr. Head and unanimously carried this request was denied. Mr. Walden and Mr. Whitley will get in touch with Mr. Brown to try to resolve this issue.

b) Brian Russell, landowner on Cypress Lake, approached the Board with a request to land and takeoff a floatplane from his house. Melissa Whittington stated since all Eagles are protected this type of activity would be too close to the Eagle's nest inside Cypress Park and would not be acceptable. And when asked the District's Attorney, James Southerland, agreed that this request should be denied. After much discussion on motion by Mr. Whitley, seconded by Mr. Head and unanimously carried Mr. Russell's request was denied. The Board will also update our Landowner Rules and Regulations to indicate that amphibious aircraft takeoffs and landings on Cypress Reservoir and Black Bayou Reservoir are prohibited.

Bruce Easterly's report:

The Board discussed the issue of Mr. Bobby Hardcastle's seawall that extends 20+ feet into the water on District property. Mr. Hardcastle's attorney, Richard Hiller presented a letter to the Board containing a survey of Mr. Hardcastle's Lot 21 in Woodlake Ridge by John R. Bowman & Associates, Inc. After much discussion on motion by Mr. Whitley, seconded by Mr. Covington and unanimously carried the Board went into Executive Session. When the meeting reconvened on motion by Mr. Whitley, seconded by Mr. Covington and unanimously carried the Board agreed that Mr. Hardcastle's seawall could remain where it is subject to an agreement drawn up by James Southerland and Richard Hiller. Mr. Hardcastle will then be able to move his boathouse after submitting new plans to the District and approval by Mr. Easterly.

Mr. Easterly presented the Board with a draft of recommendations concerning an "Excavation Policy " for the District. He asked the Board to review his recommendations and suggested they have a work session during the next monthly meeting March 9, 2010 to further discuss this issue.

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Walden advised the Board it would soon be time to approve our tax millage rate for 2011. The Board will address this issue at a later date.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Wes Burdine, President

Sonny Head, Secretary