

March 10, 2009

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 being present:

**Present:** Ernest Covington  
Wes Burdine  
Jerry Juneau  
Ralph Whitley  
Sonny Head

**Absent:** Dickie Walden, Bruce Easterly

**Also Present:** Mike Strayhan  
Sandra Baldwin  
James Southerland  
Melissa Whittington  
Emmett & Mary Smith  
James Seales-LDW&F  
George Dennis  
Catherine Long  
Michan D. Holbrook – Coyle Engineering

President Covington called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

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

Motion to approve the Minutes of Meeting held February 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 was made by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Whitley. The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve Revenue and Expenditures for January and February, 2009 and Bills for payment was made by Mr. Whitley, seconded by Mr. Burdine. The motion was unanimously approved.

Melissa Whittington presented the following Nature Center Report:

Total number of visitors to the Nature Center in February was 930.

Regional Science Fair was held March 6 at the Bossier City Civic Center. The Nature Center sponsored an environmental award for a deserving project.

Boy Scout Troop #176 of Benton will work with the zoo and the nature center as a monthly community service project beginning this month. Their first project was to plant the 25 Cypress trees donated to the zoo and nature center. Other projects will include Water Hyacinth Removal, preparing the new site at the zoo for the chicken coop to be moved, and other needed help at each location.

**New Business:** Catherine Long was present to request permission to alter the flowage easement line on their property, Lot 1, Woodlake South subdivision. Michan Holbrook with Coyle Engineering was present to present the board copies of the proposed work for the Longs. After much discussion, on motion by Mr. Head, second by Mr. Whitley and unanimously carried, the BoArD gave Mr. Wilden permission to approve the work once a "Flowage Easement Contour Line Agreement" between Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District and Mr. and Mrs. Green Long was signed. Head asked that "Procedures for a Flowage Easement Relocation" be available for future landowners.

**Old Business: Lake Draw Down: James Seales, LDW&F, approached the board for discussion on the proposed lakes draw down. He stated that a 6-8 feet draw down would be good, beginning after Labor Day into the middle of January. He advised that the District should get with DOTD to find out if they could do the Dam Inspections when the lakes are drawn down. Mr. Head advised that we need to notify all landowners of the draw down so that they can make plans to remove their boats, make plans to repair any construction or make plans for new construction. The board asked Mr. Southerland to draw up a resolution for the draw down for next months meeting.**

**Dr. Bakowski, relocation of the flowage easement line: Michan Holbrook, Coyle Engineering, presented the final drawings of Mr. Bakowski's lot per the flowage easement contour line agreement. Mr. Southerland stated as soon as he receives a copy of the agreement and met with Bruce Easterly to concur that the work was completed according to the agreement, the board could approve the completion.**

**Executive Director's Report: Mike Strayhan stated that camping has been exceptional for this time of year. He presented a proposal for a monthly flea market to be held at Cypress Park at the open field. On motion by Mr. Head, seconded by Mr. Whitley, and unanimously carried permission was granted. Mr. Strayhan stated that the surplus property will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2009. Dan Wolff brought the board up to date on the search for security cameras for the park. He now had three verbal quotes for the system. Mr. Juneau requested Mr. Wolff present written quotes to the next board meeting.**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.**

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**Ernest Covington, President**

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**Jerry Juneau, Secretary**