

March 9, 2010

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

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

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Dickie Walden, Sandra Baldwin, James Southerland, Bruce Easterly, Melissa Whittington, Mike Strayhan, Larry Wiley, Robert Berry, Bill Hine, Curtis & Perry Coker, Steve & Vivette Middlebrooks, Robert Aiello, Morgan Freeman, Emmett & Mary Smith

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President Burdine called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

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Motion to approve the minutes of meeting held on February 9, 2010 was made by Mr. Covington, seconded by Mr. Whitley. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

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At this time Melissa Whittington gave the following Nature Center Report:

Total number of guests in February, 2010 was 287. The Nature Center floors were stripped and waxed in February. The calendar is full for the Spring. Looking forward to sharing the nature center and trails with the students of this area.

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At this time the Middlebrooks approached the board asking permission to moor their houseboat on Cypress Lake. After much discussion this issue was tabled until the April, 2010 board meeting in order to gather more information.

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2010 Lake drawdowns: Bruce Easterly suggested that the District begin the drawdown earlier this year than last year and to draw both lakes down at the same time. After much discussion the board asked Mr. Walden to present a long range forecast for the drawdown and present it at the next meeting in April.

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Excavation Policy: Mr. Easterly reviewed a portion of his proposed Excavation Policy. After much discussion the board concurred to have a workshop on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. to discuss this policy.

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**Cooperative Endeavor Agreement: The zoo is in need of having some trees removed to build a pasture. Mr. Southerland stated that the District cannot sell the timber and at this time the best way to remove the trees is to advertise for bids. The board concurred.**

**Mr. Curtis Coker approached the board requesting permission to build a seawall on Lot 40 in Woodlake Ridge. After some discussion, Mr. Easterly stated that his request be postponed until he completed the Excavation Policies.**

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**Mr. Robert Aiello approached the board that due to erosion problems on Lot 12 Woodlake Ridge, he proposed to remove approximately 20 L.F. of existing 24" HDPE pipe, install 70 L.F. 24" HDPE with two 22.5 degree bends, install required riprap from end of pipe to water's edge and that all disturbed areas will be seeded, fertilized and mulched immediately. Mr. Easterly stated he had no problem with this project. The board request a written permit stating who will be responsible for maintenance on this project.**

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**Executive Director's Report: Mr. Walden asked for discussion concerning our annual Tax Millage approval. This issue will be discussed at the Workshop on March 23, 2010. Also, the issue of the Employee Manual "Drug Policy" will be discussed at the Workshop on March 23, 2010.**

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

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**Wes Burdine, President**

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**Sonny Head, Secretary**