

May 12, 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 Study Center Building located in the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation Area, Benton, Louisiana on the above date with the following present:

Present: Ernest Covington, Wes Burdine, Sonny Head

Absent: Jerry Juneau, Ralph Whitley

Also Present: Dickie Walden, Sandra Baldwin, Melissa Whittington, Emmett and Mary Smith, James Southerland, Bruce Easterly, Mike Strayhan, Mark Morgan, Tom Clark, Bobby Edmiston, Craig Johnson, George Dennis, Don Jett

President Covington called the meeting to order at 4:15 P.M.

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

Motion to approve the Minutes of Meeting April 14, 2009 was made by Mr. Burdine, seconded by Mr. Head. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Melissa Whittington gave the following Nature Center Report:

Total number of guests for the month of April was 1,277.

April 13-15 4-H Roughin It Campout

April 17-18 Northern Regional 4-H Shooting sports weekend. Bossier Parish Team won and will compete at the state competition in Lake Charles, My 3-4.

April 25 Envirothon Competition in Lafayette – 13 teams competed.

As school begins to wind down, our summer programs are beginning to fill up. The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts have scheduled community service projects for May that include trash pickup and planting flowers. The week of May 18-22 the work crew will assist with maintenance around the nature center to include clearing the trails, washing windows, setting up the last aquarium, and cutting back overgrown trees and plants at the entrance to the nature center parking lot, and repairing minor problems around the trail bridges. Tour forms for the 2009-2010 will be sent out to teachers the week of May 18-22. I am preparing for 4-H University trainings that will begin the week school gets out and continue until competition in June. Bossier Parish students will get out of school Thursday, May 28, 2009.

New Business: Mark Morgan, Bobby Edmiston, Don Jett, Craig Johnson and Tom Clark all residents of Bay Hills North approached the board with a request for assistance in dredging out the cove where they live and digging out a boat channel. The board advised the gentlemen that the District did not have the funds to help with these projects. Mr. Edmiston asked Mr. Easterly if the Police Jury could help and was advised to speak with the Police Jury.

Executive Director's report:

The Zoo continues to make improvements and is looking so much better. As soon as the ground dries we are ready to clear the two acres for pasture. The timber will be cut and kept in the park for firewood.

For the month of April, 2009 compared with April, 2008 our revenue was up \$6,483 and our expenses were down \$6,450.

To date we have received positive comments from landowners on the draw down.

June 13th will be our next Flea Market including a visit from "The Exterminators". They also are hoping to get a radio station to do a remote that day.

The surplus property sale will be May 30 at 10:00 a.m.

There will be a meeting of the CBB Zoological Garden Association Committee immediately following the board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ernest Covington, President

Wes Burdine, Vice President