

June 10, 2008

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 inside the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation Area, Benton, Louisiana on the above date with the following present:

Present: James Huckabay
Ernest Covington
Wes Burdine
Jerry Juneau
Sonny Head

Absent: None

Also Present: Dickie Walden
Sandra Baldwin
James Southerland
Bruce Easterly
Larry Wiley
Mike Strayhan
Melissa Whittington

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

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

Motion to approve the Minutes of Meeting held May 13, 2008 was made by Mr. Covington, seconded by Mr. Burdine. The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve May, 2008, bills to be paid by Mr. Head, seconded by Mr. Juneau. The motion was unanimously approved. May, 2008 financials were not available.

Nature Center Report:

Total number of guests to the Nature Center in May 1,250.

Wildlife trainings began May 27 and will run through June 12 for youth participating in the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program, 4-H Outdoor Skills, ATV and Forestry. Don

Reed will present a program for these youth on Thursday, June 5 from 10-12 at the Nature Center.

Fifteen 40-H W.I.L.D. Conservation Ambassadors and four parents participated in the Lock-in at the nature center on Wednesday, May 21 and Thursday, May 22. We had a great time hiking, cooking and exploring.

July 9-13, 2008 the nature center will host two full days of SCI-FI workshops for Caddo and Bossier Teachers.

Old Business:

Lake Management. Mr. Burdine stated that someone phoned him to report hoop nets drifting in the lake with a lot of dead fish inside them. He said Senator Robert Adley withdrew his Bill to give back control of both reservoirs to the District and asked that the board write another letter to him requesting specific requests concerning commercial fishing on the reservoirs. After much discussion the board agreed to send their requests, on possibly having some control over the commercial fishing, to the Executive Director who will forward a letter to Senator Adley.

Reassessment Year. Mr. Walden said we do not have the reassessment figures from the Tax Assessor's office. As soon as they are received we will forward them to each Commissioner.

New Business:

Emergency Action Plan – Dam Breaches.

Mr. Walden presented the following Resolution concerning requesting all possible assistance in the development of dam breach analysis and Emergency Action Plans for the two (2) dams of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, located in Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

**RESOLUTION #2 OF 2008
CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS the hazard classification of Dam/Structure #2 of Cypress Black Bayou Watershed, Bossier Parish, Louisiana has been changed from “significant” to “high” by the National Resources Conservation Service.

WHEREAS the State Dam Safety Office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana has been notified of the change of hazard classification.

Whereas as a result of said change the structure now needs an Emergency Action Plan (EAP).

Whereas Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District will need assistance from the Department of Transportation and Development in the development of dam breach analysis and emergency action plans for the two Cypress Black Bayou dams located in Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Conservation District, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, which constitutes a water works district under RS 38:2603 hereby respectfully requests the assistance of the Department of Transportation and Development, through Mr. Zahir "Bo" Bolourchi, P. E., director of Water Resources, for assistance in the development of a dam breach analysis and Emergency Action Plans for the two (2) dams of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District located in Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District be, and he is authorized to execute and sign all binding legal documents with the Department of Transportation and Development to obtain all possible assistance in this matter.

This resolution was offered by Mr. Juneau seconded by Mr. Covington and adopted by the following votes:

AYES: James Huckabay, Ernest Covington, Wes Burdine, Jerry Juneau, Sonny Head

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

This resolution was adopted on the 10th day of June, 2008 at a regular scheduled meeting of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Conservation District and is in full force and effect.

Thus signed this 10th day of June, 2008.

James Huckabay, President

Wes Burdine, Secretary

Mr. Walden also stated that the Bossier Parish Police Jury has reappointed Mr. Juneau for another five-year term.

Bruce Easterly's Report:

To date we have not received a reply from our Capital Outlay request.

Mr. Easterly presented a report on buoys for the swimming area. Costs per buoy will depend on the size of the buoys. The board requested Mr. Easterly present a proposal at the next meeting in July.

Mr. Easterly wanted to thank everyone in the park for a wonderful family reunion Memorial weekend. All employees were very nice and the park was so well kept.

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Walden read a Thank You note from Bubba Williams thanking the park for a great visit Memorial Weekend, the Rangers and everyone were very friendly, the park is well maintained and they met a lot of new friends.

Salvinia: No salvinia has been reported to date. Weed Pro has sprayed twice for a total of \$9,000. We sent a letter to the Bossier Parish Police Jury requesting reimbursement for these sprayings using the \$15,000 allocated to us by the Police Jury last year. Weed Pro will be back to spray on Wednesday and will again check for salvinia.

Financial updates: Revenue for the month of May, 2008 was up \$6,700 from May, 2007 and expenses were down by 870. Memorial day weekend revenue was \$20,000 and last week was \$13,000. If the sun will keep shining we shall do well.

Internet updates: Dial up is working o.k. We sent a letter to Foster Campbell, Public Service Commissioner, concerning the lack of DSL in this area. I am attending a meeting Wednesday, June 18th concerning this issue and hope to obtain additional information. After purchasing the necessary software to access our website, Larry Wiley is working on updates.

Mr. Southerland stated that he revised and mailed a copy of the agreement between Dr. Bakowski and the Commissioners concerning his property on Parks Road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

James Huckabay, President

Wes Burdine, Secretary