

June 9, 2009

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

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

**Absent: None**

**Also Present: Dickie Walden, Sandra Baldwin, James Southerland, Melissa Whittington, Larry Wiley, Mike Strayhan, George Dennis, Mark And Becky Jamroz**

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

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**Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Mr. Mr. Burdine, seconded by Mr. Whitley. Motion was unanimously approved.**

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**Motion to approve the minutes of May 12, 2009 was made by Mr. Whitley, seconded by Mr. Head and unanimously approved.**

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**Motion to approve the Revenue and Expenditure and Bills for Payment was made by Mr. Whitley, seconded by Mr. Burdine and unanimously approved.**

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**Melissa Whittington gave the following Cypress Nature Center report:**

**Total number guests to the Nature Center for May was 1,213.**

**Cypress work crew helped us set up the last aquarium during the month of May. We have a small problem with it but we're trying to get it running. The Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office work crew cleared all the nature trails and cleaned the nature center building in preparation of the summer season. A BIG "thank you" for all their help.**

**4-H trainings began May 29 and will run through June 12<sup>th</sup> for youth participation in the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program, 4-H Outdoor Skills, ATV, and Forestry.**

**Boater Safety Class for 4-Hers at the Nature Center on June 9, 2009 taught by Ranger Dan Wolff.**

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**New Business:**

**Jason Jenkins of Lot 8, Water's Edge Subdivision presented his plans for a pier and boathouse for board approval. Mark and Becky Jamroz of Lot 85, Cypress Bay stated that Mr. Jenkins' boathouse would be in front of our their property and asked the board not to approve the construction. After much discussion on motion by Mr. Burdine, seconded by Mr. Juneau and unanimously carried, Mr. Jenkins' plans for a pier and boathouse were approved.**

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**Executive Director's Report:**

- a) RV sewer sites: Mr. Walden stated that he is looking into adding sewers to the RV sites in overflow and converting tent row into RV sites with sewers.
- b) Number of full time campers: 34 with most of these just for the summer months.
- c) Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Bossier Sheriff's Department: After some discussion and two corrections to the agreement on motion by Mr. Whitley, seconded by Mr. Head and unanimously carried the agreement was approved.
- d) Salvinia: The District is hoping to receive \$40,000 from the state to go to Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fishers for spraying the salvinia on Cypress and Black Bayou lakes. At this time Mr. Burdine requested the following letter from Sheriff Larry Deen to Governor Bobby Jindal be entered into the minutes:

June 1, 2009  
Honorable Governor Bobby Jindal  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 94004  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Governor Jindal,

Thank you so much for the tremendous job you continue to do on behalf of our state and a very special thanks, for the concern you have for North Louisiana. For the first time, in my adult lifetime, I truly feel we have a Governor who represents all of Louisiana.

At this time I would like to call to your attention a concern relative to our waterways in Bossier Parish. Please note the attached letter I received from the Executive Director of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, relative to the rapid growth of Salvinia. As noted, in spite of spraying efforts the Salvinia is spreading and drastically impacting fishing and water recreation on Black Bayou and Cypress Lakes. All spraying and abatement procedures are quite costly and funding available to the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District is almost depleted.

We have an exemplary Board of Commissioners consisting of Jon R. (Dickie) Walden, Ernest Covington, Wes Burdine, Jerry Juneau, Ralph Whitley, and Sonny Head. The board has worked hard to combat this problem and at this time realize they must have financial assistance to continue the battle.

Thank you in advance for any financial assistance you may be able to give with this request to control/alleviate the Salvinia on our waterways in Bossier Parish.

I sincerely hope things are going well with you, your staff, and you wonderful family and as always I stand ready to assist you whenever there is a need.

Sincerely,  
Larry C. Deen

Enclosure: Request for Assistance from Cypress Black Bayou Board

- e) Marina update: The marina is doing quite well. Rodney continues to have large crowds each day and on weekends runs out of food to prepare.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Ernest Covington, President

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Jerry Juneau, Secretary