

June 8, 2010

A Public 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: Wes Burdine, Jerry Juneau, Ralph Whitley, Ernest Covington

Absent: Sonny Head, Dickie Walden

**Also Present: Sandra Baldwin, Emmett & Mary Smith,
James Southerland, Melissa Whittington, Mike Strayhan
Bruce Easterly, David Buford**

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

A Roll Call was taken with the following Board Members present: Wes Burdine, Jerry Juneau, Ralph Whitley, Ernest Covington. Absent: Sonny Head.

Motion to approve the Minutes of Meeting held April 30 & May 11, 2010 was made by Mr. Covington, seconded by Mr. Juneau . The motion was unanimously approved.

Before approval of the Revenue and Expenses and Bills for Payment Mr. Whitley questioned some of the items on the Bills for Payment. After much discussion and motion by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Whitley and unanimously carried the board agreed to have a Special Meeting on June 22, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss some of the reoccurring bills. Motion to approve the Revenue and Expenditures and Bills for Payment was made by Mr. Whitley, seconded by Mr. Juneau. The motion was unanimously approved.

Melissa Whittington presented the following Nature Center Report:

Total number of visitors to the Nature Center for May was 1,031.

May has been a very busy month. Our last school tour was May 21 and we started our summer Day Care & School tours the very next week. The Cypress Work Crew assisted in clean-up around the nature center to include windows and the exterior concrete. The also took my design for utilizing our reclaimed wood and created the new look on the front of the nature center. We are very fortunate to have Officer Norman's assistance. Mr. Walden and I met in March when Jan Stevens became very sick and was out for over a week. During the time she was out no one came to take care of the nature center. We discussed – at that time- the need to train someone to fill in if Jan was sick again and also to keep the facility open on Sundays this summer, if that was the park's desire. Since March Jan has missed about 15 days due to sickness/hospitalization and has not been able to return to work as of May 24th. As the Educational Director and school board employee my focus is touring and teacher workshops

while care and maintenance fall to the park. We have had assistance from the zoo (Dr. Morgan) as a short term resolution but we need to address this long term as soon as possible.

Mr. Juneau asked Melissa to get with Mr. Walden to work this out. The nature center will be featured on "The Exterminator" in the fall. September Films began shooting the beaver episode last Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at the nature center. We started at 9:00 a.m. and stopped at 6:00 p.m. the have-a-heart traps are set and we have been checking them daily. No beaver yet – I think they have figured it out already. I have spoken with Adam Askew, the contact person, so now it's just waiting to see what happens. After filming all day around the nature center they asked permission to do some extra film time due to how beautiful the area is – very nice compliment. As of tight now this will be the 3rd Episode to the fall series. I have posted this on the website if you would like to keep up with what they are doing here.

Old Business: Mr. David Buford approached the board concerning the flowage easement contour line located on his property. He presented his proposal for changing the flowage easement line. After much discussion the board and Bruce Easterly agreed with his proposal, but advised Mr. Buford that he would have to follow all procedures to make this change. Mr. Southerland stated that when the "Flowage Easement Contour Line Agreement" was finalized the board would give their approval.

New Business: Adopt the millage rate for the tax year 2010

Mr. Whitley stated the board needed to finalize their decision. On motion by Mr. Whitley, seconded by Mr. Juneau and unanimously carried the board will hold another "Public Hearing" on July 13, 2010 to adopt the adjusted millage rate and roll forward to the 1.54 millage rate.

Bruce Easterly's Report: Mr. Easterly stated that a homeowner in Benton said the 2009 Cypress and Black Bayou draw down caused the sewer lines to back up in her house. He said at this time there was no evidence of the draw down causing this problem.

There was no Executive Director's Report as Mr. Walden was out of town.

There was no President's Report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Wes Burdine, President

Jerry Juneau, Vice President