

July 13, 2010

A Public Hearing/Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, was held in the Nature Center inside the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation Area, Benton, Louisiana on the above date 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, James Bates, Mike Strayhan, Dan Wolff, Jake Hillen, Robert Berry, Emmett and Mary Smith, Charles Keene, R.W. Riley, Harry Swank, Charles Branagan, Kyle Ristig, Bobby Davis, John Davis

President Burdine called the Public Hearing to order at 4:00 p.m. and asked the guests in attendance to approach the Board with their concerns about the annual Millage adoption. At this time several guests requested that the Board not roll forward the Millage. After much discussion, on motion by Mr. Whitley, seconded by Mr. Juneau and unanimously carried the Public Hearing was adjourned.

President Burdine called to order the Public Meeting and the roll call was as follows: Present: Wes Burdine, Jerry Juneau, Sonny Head, Ralph Whitley, Ernest Covington.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Head, seconded by Mr. Juneau and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve the Minutes from meeting held June 8, 2010 was made by Mr. Covington, seconded by Mr. Whitley and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve the Revenue and Expenditures and Bills for Payment was made by Mr. Head, seconded by Mr. Juneau and unanimously carried.

At this time Melissa Whittington gave the following Nature Center Report:
Attendance for 2009-2010 School Year (July 1, 2009- June 30, 2010) was 10,935. Total number of visitors to the Cypress Nature Study Center during June, 2010 was 738. The nature center will be featured on "The Exterminator" in the fall. They began shooting the beaver episode June 1, 2010 at the Nature Center. The have-a-heart traps are set and we have been checking them daily. 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. The crew has been back twice since June 1, to film at the zoo. Christi Walton has been added as part time help at the Nature Center. We welcome her on board. My LaSip Science workshop on June 18 was to provide

lessons and ideas for utilizing the zoo. For this workshop I mapped the zoo area. I have also given Dr. Morgan a copy for her use. I plan to remap the nature/trails – then we can put the nature center/trails on one side and the zoo on the other to be given out to visitors when they come into the park. During the month of June I visited Mr. Machen to ask if the nature center could borrow four prints by Margaret Stones that have been hanging in Central Office since 1995. These prints were purchased by Jim Robbins in 1991 and originally hung here at the nature center as a tribute to the contribution made by Jim and the center. Margaret Stones is an internationally known botanical artist that was commissioned by LSU in 1976 to draw 250 native Louisiana flora. The product was named Flora of Louisiana and published by the Louisiana Press in Baton Rouge.

Old Business: President Burdine stated that the zoo has come a long way since Dr. Gia Morgan has been with us. Everyone should come by and visit the zoo and see what she has done.

New Business:

1. Adopt the adjusted millage rate.

At this time Mr. Walden read the following Resolution:

The resolution was introduced by Mr. head, seconded by Mr. Covington and
RESOLUTION NO. 1

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District of the Parish of Bossier, Louisiana, in a public meeting/hearing held on July 13th, 2010 which meeting/hearing was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following adjusted millage rate be and is hereby levied upon the Parish for the year 2010, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

Maintenance	1.41 mills
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Bossier, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2010 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Wes Burdine, Sonny Head, Ralph Whitley, Ernest Covington

NAYS: Jerry Juneau

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

At this time President Burdine asked for an introduction of Resolution #2, to roll the millage forward from 1.41 to 1.54 mills. Having no motion, there was no action taken on Resolution #2.

At this time James Bates, CPA reviewed the District's 2009 Audit. After the review, Mr. Bates stated there were no findings for the audit period ending December 31, 2009.

Bruce Easterly's Report:

Mr. Easterly advised the board about the beach erosion and what it was going to take to try to fix it for another year. He also explained to the guests that not only does the District need to repair the beach but also the piers, boathouses and dams need inspection and possible repairs. He also stated that the draw down would benefit both lakes and that LA. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has given their approval for the draw down.

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Walden stated that Mark McElroy, LA. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries wants to meet with the Board next week concerning the draw down. Mr. Walden will schedule the meeting and advise the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Wes Burdine, President

Sonny Head, Secretary