

July 22, 2010

A Special Called 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 inside Cypress Park, 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, Dan Wolff, Jake Hillen, James Southerland, Stephanie & Gene Hillen, Mark McElroy-LDWF, James Seales-LDWF, Robert Berry, Bill Hine, Vicki Mudd, Wayne Reed, Charles Keene, Henry Cantrell, Beverly Parault, Liz Madden, Lucy Cooper, Mark Cummings, Gary Taylor, Charles Branagan

President Burdine called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

President Burdine stated the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the 2010 draw down of Cypress and Black Bayou Reservoirs. He then asked Mr. Mark McElroy, Biologist for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, to give his expertise on the draw down. Mr. McElroy told the board there is a chance of a fish kill if the lakes are drawn down during the extreme heat of the summer and recommended the board start in early September. After much discussion, Mr. McElroy asked the board to reach a compromise and suggested the draw down begin August 15th and to begin by lowering the lakes 2 inches each day until the first of September at which time the lakes will be lowered 4 inches each day. At this time on motion by Mr. Head to begin the draw down on September 7th the day after Labor Day, seconded by Mr. Whitley, the votes were as follows: Yes, Mr. Head, No, Mr. Burdine, Mr. Juneau, Mr. Covington, Mr. Whitley. The motion failed to pass. Mr. McElroy also mentioned LDWF has funds that would pay 75% of the costs to help with repairing the district piers at the launches. President Burdine asked Mr. McElroy if he had received a call from Senator Robert Adley and Mr. McElroy stated the contact with Senator Adley was through a letter. After much discussion President Burdine gave the guests time to voice their concerns regarding the date to begin the draw down. Mr. Juneau stated he would compromise by beginning the draw down on August 15, 2010 and lower the lakes 3 inches each day until the day after Labor Day and then begin lowering the lakes 4 inches each day. On motion by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Whitley the votes were as follows: Yeas: Mr. Burdine, Mr. Whitley, Mr. Juneau, Ernest Covington, Nays: Mr. Head. The motion was approved.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Wes Burdine, President

Sonny Head, Secretary