

August 11, 2009

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: Wes Burdine, Jerry Juneau, Sonny Head, Ralph Whitley, Ernest Covington

Absent: None

Also Present: Dickie Walden, Sandra Baldwin, James Southerland, Bruce Easterly, Dan Wolff, Ronnie Keith, John Whittington, Emmett & Mary Smith, Mike Strayhan, Bruce Easterly, Sean Hintz, Frank Breithaupt

President Burdine called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call, all members present.

Motion to approve the minutes of July 14th, 2009 was made by Mr. Covington , seconded by Mr. Whitley . Motion was unanimously carried.

Motion to approve Revenue, Expenditures and bills for payment was made by Mr. Covington , seconded by Mr. Whitley . Motion was unanimously carried.

In Melissa Whittington's absence, Mike Strayhan read the Nature Center Report:

Total guests to the Nature Center in July, 2009 was 715.

National WHEP Contest was held in Louisiana this year at the Wildwood Resort on Toledo Bend July 19-23.

July 24, 2009 the Nature Center Hosted a LaSip workshop for eighteen teachers.

The schedule is tentatively set for the school tours at the nature center.

Teachers return to school August 10 and students August 12. School tours begin the first week of September.

Beasley Keith Insurance: Ronnie Keith reported he had no quotes for the renewal but he expects the renewal will come in at a good price. On motion by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Whitley and unanimously carried the Board approved Beasley Keith Insurance to renew the parks insurance.

Mr. Frank Breithaupt approached the board concerning new plans for the new subdivision off of Parks Road. After much discussion, the board requested that Mr. Breithaupt have his engineers draw up necessary plans and bring them to the next monthly meeting in September.

At this time Mr. Sean Hintz approached the board concerning the low water level on the north end of Black Bayou lake. He requested the board match funds with the landowners to dredge and to also inspect septic systems. After much discussion the board advised

Mr. Hintz that they did not have the funds to spend on dredging and the issues of the septic systems needed to be reported to the Bossier Health Department.

At this time Ranger Dan Wolff informed the board of the four bids he received for a security camera system. The board approved \$5,000 for the system, but if it goes over \$5,000 it must be approved by the board. The board reviewed the "Policy for use of Security Cameras at Cypress Park" and updated it to read "Recordings will be viewed for official business only at the request of the Ranger Supervisor or the Executive Director". They also asked Ranger Wolff to check into the warrantee and maintenance policies of the system.

On Motion by Mr. Whitley, seconded by Mr. Juneau the Executive Director, Jon Walden read the following Resolution to adopt the Tax Millage for 2009:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage is hereby levied on the 2009 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
Maintenance	1.41 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2009, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by 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, Jerry Juneau, Sonny Head, Ralph Whitley, Ernest Covington

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

Bruce Easterly's Report:

Mr. Easterly and Mr. Walden are making preparations for the draw down and repairs to the park piers and boathouses.

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Walden is preparing a second letter to send the landowners concerning the draw down.

The Bossier Parish Police Jury has agreed to assist us with dozer work on the beach and the rangers will construct new bouys for the beach area.

Mr. Walden spoke to James Seales, LDWF, and was advised that the rate of draw down will be 3-4 inches per day. Mr. Seales will notify DOTD who will lead in the draw down. Mr. Head asked what type of fishing will be allowed during the draw down and suggested that netting be banned.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Wes Burdine, President

Sonny Head, Secretary

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