

August 10, 2010

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Dickie Walden, Sandra Baldwin, James Southerland, Bruce Easterly, Dan Wolff, Ronnie Keith, John Whittington, Emmett & Mary Smith, Mike Strayhan, Dr. Gia Morgan, Hulya Onel, Sharon Walden, Robert Rougeau, Cindy Schwartz, Bill Hine, Sam Thornton, Larry Wiley

President Burdine called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call, all members present. At this time the rotation of Officers was as follows: Jerry Juneau – President, Sonny Head –Vice President, Ralph Whitley – Secretary. Mr. Walden presented Wes Burdine a gift in appreciation for his serving as President for the past year.

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

At this time President Juneau stated that the next year will be very busy making decisions to better control spending and forming committees for the following: Insurance, Maintenance, Zoo and Budget.

Motion to approve the minutes of July 22, 2010 and approve and amended minutes of July 13, 2010 to include Mr. James Bates' review of the 2009 audit. Motion was made by Mr. Covington to approve the minutes of July 22, 2010, seconded by Mr. Whitley . Motion was unanimously carried. Approval of the amended minutes of July 13, 2010 will be on the agenda September 14, 2010.

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

At this time Melissa Whittington gave the following Nature Center Report:
Total number of visitors to the Nature Center in July was 488. September Films has been utilizing the nature trails for filming slots for "The Exterminator". Several visitors have been in with the hopes of seeing Billy and Ricky. They have come from the local and Oklahoma and South Carolina. Last month I attended a workshop at the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium in Cocodrie, LA. It was very informative about the oil spill and provided some awesome new ideas for lessons at the Nature Center. I am pulling together a proposal for a teacher workshop to be held here at the Nature Center. The Robbins family came to the nature center this summer to see the memorial display

we have set up for Mr. Robbins. They plan to make it an annual trip (from Arizona) to see how the research library is progressing.

At this time Mr. Walden presented the following Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District and Blue Eyed, LLC to clear two acres for a zoo expansion.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF BOSSIER

**COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU
RECREATION AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AND BLUE EYED, LLC**

This Agreement effective this 10th day of August, 2010, is made and entered into on the 10th day of August, 2010, by and between Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, herein represented by its President, Jerry Juneau and BLUE EYED, LLC, a Louisiana Limited Liability Co., herein represented by its Manager, William Reed;

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District has a plan to expand its zoo area by approximately 2 acres, which area has been marked off and is adjacent to the zoo area.

WHEREAS, there is located upon said zoo expansion area pine saw timber, pine pulpwood, hardwood sawlogs and hardwood pulpwood, which must be cleared from the expansion area for buildings and enclosures to be built.

WHEREAS, the District consulted with Mr. Clay Carter, Public Lands Utilization Manager, State Land Office, who told them the probable value of the timber on the less than two (2) acres would not really justify all the expense of a state sale.

WHEREAS, it was suggested to the District that a cooperative endeavor agreement could be used if appraisals were obtained.

WHEREAS Bayou State Timber Services, Inc. conducted a 100% tree count and marked each tree on the zoo expansion area and appraised the timber at \$4,018.00 and stated that it would be considered a salvage operation thus effecting the value.

WHEREAS, the District received two (2) bids. One bid was from Brunson Construction for \$9,850.00 for clearing and removing the trees. The second bid was from BLUE EYED, LLC, who has agreed to cut and remove the timber and remove all stumps and clear subject area and make it suitable for use for the zoo.

The clearing and grading of the zoo expansion area will be done by BLUE EYED, LLC in exchange for the timber.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(c) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that "for public purposes, the State and its political subdivisions may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies or with any public or private association, corporation or individual"; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to cooperate with BLUE EYED, LLC to get the timber removed from the zoo expansion site and the stumps removed and land prepared for the expansion of the zoo so that the timber received by BLUE EYED, LLC will pay for the clearing of all stumps and the grading and preparing of the expansion area for the new zoo buildings and enclosures.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District and BLUE EYED, LLC agree and covenant as follows, to-wit:

That the District does hereby convey unto BLUE EYED, LLC all the pine saw timber, pine pulpwood, hardwood sawlogs and hardwood pulpwood located on the zoo expansion area marked with blue tree marking paint on the bole and stump by Noble A. Thompson, Jr.

In consideration of the timber hereby conveyed to BLUE EYED, LLC, the said BLUE EYED, LLC agrees to remove all trees and stumps, grade and level expansion area, and dig out a low area for a small pond.

The parties hereto acknowledge that this is a swap of timber for services, which are of approximately equal value. There will be no exchange of money involved in this transaction as it is a cooperative endeavor which benefits the District as it is receiving a like value for its timber.

The parties hereby further agree that the timber and stumps will be removed and the land graded and a small pond dug out by no later than October 31, 2010. Should BLUE EYED, LLC fail to clear the trees and stumps and dig out the pond, BLUE EYED, LLC will owe the DISTRICT for the value of the trees which is \$4,018.00 plus any other costs the DISTRICT is out.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement on the day, month and year as hereinabove set forth.
ATTEST

CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Jon Walden

By: Jerry Juneau

Larry Wiley

James Southerland

NOTARY PUBLIC

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BLUE EYED, LLC

C.M. Strayhan

By: William Reed

Jon Walden

James Southerland

NOTARY PUBLIC

At this time on motion by Mr. Head, seconded by Mr. Covington and unanimously carried the agreement was approved and Blue Eyed, LLC was given 60 day to complete the project.

New Business:

At this time Rodney Cochran who has been leasing the Cypress Marina for the past two years felt it was not fair that he had to vacate the marina because he did not have the proper amount of insurance.

Beasley Keith – Insurance Renewal: Mr. Keith stated that they did not have the insurance quotes yet but they were working on it. At this time the board discussed the option of getting bids from other agencies for the insurance. On motion by Mr. Burdine seconded by Mr. Whitley to not go out for bids this year but stay with Beasley Keith as our insurance provider the votes were as follows: Ayes – Mr. Whitley, Mr. Head, Mr. Burdine and Nays – Mr. Covington. Thus the motion passed and Beasley Keith will continue writing the insurance.

At this time Mr. Gary Chatelain, landowner on Black Bayou Lake approached the board with a proposal to construct a dry storage facility to house his boat and trailer. After much discussion on motion by Mr. Covington, seconded by Mr. Whitley and unanimously carried his request was denied.

Bruce Easterly's Report: Mr. Easterly stated he was getting ready for the draw down beginning August 15, 2010. Mr. Head asked that the pier at the Parks road launch needed to be repaired as soon as possible.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Walden stated he and the Maintenance Supervisor, Howard Peterson were preparing for the beginning of the draw down August 15, 2010.

At this time Robert Rougeau, landowner on Cypress Lake stated he needs to obtain a construction permit for a pier and that the board had given him permission earlier to extend out 125 feet. The board advised Mr. Rougeau to go to the Administrative office to obtain a permit.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jerry Juneau, President

Ralph Whitley, Secretary