

September 9, 2008

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

Absent: Sonny Head

Also Present: Dickie Walden, Sandra Baldwin, James Southerland, Bruce Easterly, Melissa Whittington, Larry Wiley, Ronnie Keith, John Whittington, Mike Strayhan, Henry Cantrell

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

Motion to Amend the agenda to include approval of July, 2008 financial statement was made by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Burdine. The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve the minutes of August 12, 2008 was made by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Whitley. The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve the July and August, 2008 financial statements and bills for payment was made by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Whitley. The motion was unanimously approved.

At this time Melissa Whittington gave the following Nature Center Report:

Total number of visitors to Cypress Nature Study Center for August was 280.

Scouts will be in the park during the month of September finishing up several projects. There will also be several Cub Scout Troops, Girl Scouts and Brownies visiting during the fall.

I have begun putting together a list of people that I can visit concerning the history of the Nature Center. I started the list with Mr. Don Thompson, former Executive Director, and have received other suggestions from Mr. Kruithof about educators that could help me.

I feel very strongly that special recognition should be made concerning Mr. Jim Robbins. Mr. Robbins was the major force behind the establishment of this facility, the trail systems, and the arboretum area that exists today. Your suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

The Nature Center will host another 4-H W.I.L.D. Conservation Outdoor Skills event to take place during the Fall Break in October.

At this time Mr. Patrick Hesterly, Troop #226, came forward to announce that approximately 300 scouts and parents will be attending a meeting at the park April 17-19, 2009 to earn a "Boy Scout Emergency Preparedness" Badge. Barksdale Air Force Base, several fire departments and other agencies will be attending to do demonstrations.

Old Business: George Dennis – camper. Mr. Walden stated that Mr. Dennis was satisfied with the correction to camping fees and would not attend the meeting.

New Business:

Beasley Keith Insurance renewal. At this time Ronnie Keith and John Whittington reviewed the 2008-2009 Insurance renewal. After reviewing all the insurance, Ronnie Keith advised the Board that in addition to the \$1,000,000 liability coverage an additional \$2,000,000 in liability coverage was available for \$25,000. The Board took this under advisement. On motion by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Whitley and unanimously approved to accept the insurance renewal with Beasley Keith and that the District would pay a down payment of \$32,756.73 and pay monthly installments until January, 2009 and pay the balance in full.

Workers' Compensation – Louisiana Retailers- On motion by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Whitley and unanimously carried the board agreed to allow Beasley Keith "Agent of Record" for Workers' Compensation.

At this time Mr. Henry Cantrell approached the Board concerning a new development on Black Bayou. After much discussion, on motion by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Whitley and unanimously carried the Board will approve conceptually until the plans are finalized and brought back to the Board for final approval.

Bruce Easterly's Report:
Overlay Project

On motion by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Whitley and unanimously approve the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION #3 of 2008
CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

WHEREAS Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District advertised for bids on a project known as "Asphalt Concrete Wearing Overlay Project".

WHEREAS bids were opened on August 12, 2008 and the low bidder for \$138,810.00 was Benton & Brown, LLC.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after consideration of the qualifications of the bidder and the costs of the project, the low bid of \$138,810.00 by Benton & Brown, LLC is hereby accepted and the project is awarded to Benton & Brown, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this is a capital outlay project of the State of Louisiana and that the acceptance of the low bid and award of the project to Benton & Brown, LLC is subject to the concurrence of the appropriate authorities of the State of Louisiana who oversees the awards of the capital outlay projects of the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the capital outlay funds to be received from the State are in the amount of \$49,000.00, therefore Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District will be responsible for paying all funds in excess of the \$49,000.00 capital outlay funds for the cost of the project.

The above resolution was offered by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Whitley and upon vote was unanimously adopted.

Landowner Rules and Regulations: Mr. Southerland presented changes in wordage for the Commissioners to review. Mr. Easterly requested the changes address the issue of Gazebos.

Mike Strayhan requested new rules for a "Dress Code" for guest at the park similar to the Dress Code at the Boardwalk in Bossier City. The issue of controlling duck hunting on Black Bayou should be presented to the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ernest Covington, President

Jerry Juneau, Secretary