

October 13, 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: Wesley Burdine, Jerry Juneau, Sonny Head, Ralph Whitley

Absent: Ernest Covington

Also Present: Dickie Walden, Bruce Easterly, James Southerland, Robert Berry
Melissa Whittington, Dan Wolff, Michan Holbrook

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

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

Motion to approve the minutes of August 11, 2009 was made by Mr. Head, seconded by Mr. Whitley. The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve the Revenue and Expenditures and Bills for payment was made by Mr. Head, seconded by Mr. Whitley. The motion was unanimously approved.

At this time Melissa Whittington gave the following Nature Center Report:
Total number of guest to the nature center in September, 2009 was 125. Number of students of October was 1162. There are two washouts on the trails that need attention from erosion which will be addressed after the water recedes. There is also water over the piers used for educational tours. December thru Jan will work on overgrowth around building and property with implemented management practices.

At this time Michan Holbrook from Coyle Engineering approached the board concerning the new development Woodlake Ridge Subdivision. A motion by Mr. Whitley was presented to carry forward this business to the next meeting after more information was received from Coyle Engineering, seconded by Mr. Juneau. Motion was unanimously approved.

At this time Mr. Burdine discussed the fatal accident that happened on Cypress Lake. He commended the actions of Mike Collier, Jack Collier and another female that was present. Mr. Head made a motion to officially recognize these individuals. Mr. Whitley seconded it. Motion was unanimously approved.

At this time Bruce Easterly advised the board that due to heavy rains and all the flooding it would be in the best interest to close all gates to keep from adding more water downstream.

After much discussion it was his recommendation that if we could not start drawing down by early November because it takes 21 days to draw down that the possibility of delaying till next year needs to be addressed although that is not the desired route of action. The board then agreed to accept his recommendation and close the gates for at least a week or two and re-address for drawing down at that time. There was then much discussion on Woodlake Ridge Subdivision. It was decided that the board will hold a workshop to discuss guidelines for new subdivisions or canals. Motion was made by Mr. Head and second by Mr. Whitley. It was unanimously approved and a date and time has yet to be determined.

Executive Director's Report:

Most recent reading for the lakes are on the website cypressblackbayou.com. We are about 20 inches above the spillway. Still working on a 5 year plan for replacement of items throughout the park. This to include needs assessment from all departments. There was discussion to put in capital outlay for projects in the park to include converting tent row to RV sites and install the rest of the roadway. It was then decided by the board to move forward to purchase and install cameras for the entrance gate instead of waiting.

At this time Robert Berry then addressed the board and reiterated the need for the draw down because of people around the lake preparing for projects but understood the need not to damage the lake.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Wes Burdine, President

Sonny Head, Secretary