

November 10, 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, Ernest Covington

**Absent:** Ralph Whitley

**Also Present:** Jon Walden, Sandra Baldwin, James Southerland, Robert Berry, Bill Hine, Melissa Whittington, Mike Strayhan, Larry & Stephanie Wiley, Emmett and Mary Smith, Mike Collier, Sarah Collier, Jack Collier

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Covington. Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve minutes of October 27, 2009 was made by Mr. Covington, seconded by Mr. Head. Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve Revenue and Expenditures and Bills for Payment was made by Mr. Head, seconded by Mr. Juneau. Motion was unanimously approved.

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At this time President Burdine and the Board of Commissioners recognized Mike and Jack Collier for their efforts in rescuing two men from a capsized boat on Cypress Lake.

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At this time the Board reviewed the Amended 2009 Budget and Proposed 2010 Budget.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

A Public Hearing has been set for December 8, 2009 at 4:00 P.M., to consider the following Ordinance:

#### **CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, BOSSIER PARISH, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

#### **AMENDED BUDGET ORDINANCE**

An Ordinance amending the Annual Budget of 2009 adopted by Ordinance dated December 9, 2008 to reflect the changes in the 200 Annual Budget.

Be it hereby resolved that the Ordinance adopted on December 9, 2008 is hereby amended to reflect the changes in the 2009 Budget as follows:

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN SESSION CONVENED THAT;**

**SECTION 1:** The attached detailed Amendments of Revenue for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Amended Operating Budget of Revenues for the District during the same period.

**AMENDED BUDGET  
01/01/09 to 12/31/09**

**REVENUE SOURCES**

Ad Valorem Tax	710,000.00
State Revenue Sharing	24,000.00
Gate	97,000.00
Launch	20,000.00
Boat Permits	72,000.00
Leases & Permits	14,000.00
Camping	250,000.00
Picnic Shelters	9,000.00
Cottages	24,500.00
Cabins	18,750.00
Boatslip Rental	7,000.00
Marina	1,800.00
Interest Earned	3,000.00
Other	30,000.00
Season Pass	1,500.00
Zoo Grant	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,287,550.00</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Adm. Wages	90,000.00
Security Wages	177,500.00
Ranger Wages	58,000.00
Gate Wages	39,500.00
Maintenance Wages	135,000.00
Maids Wages	60,000.00
Nature Center Wages	20,500.00
Zoo Wages	63,000.00
<b>TOTAL WAGES</b>	<b>643,500.00</b>
Social Security Taxes	31,000.00
Unemployment Taxes	5,775.00
Medical Insurance	11,000.00
Insurance & Bonds	190,000.00
Per Diem	2,400.00
Office	22,500.00
Credit Card Fees	5,500.00
Legal Publishing	7,000.00
Legal & Professional Fees	25,500.00
Tourism	14,000.00
Utilities	87,000.00
Telephone	13,500.00
Boat Permits	4,250.00
Uniforms	2,500.00
Maint. & Supplies	160,000.00
Equipment	6,000.00
Vegetation Control	15,000.00
Marina	500.00
Nature Center Food	800.00
Overlay Projects	14,000.00

Zoo Food	23,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,284,725.00</b>

**SECTION 2.** The attached detail Amendments of Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Amended Operating Budget of Expenditures for the District during the same period.

**SECTION 3.** The adoption of this Amended Budget of Expenditures be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation for the amount therein set forth.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

A Public Hearing has been set for December 8, 2009 at 4:00 P.M. to consider the following Ordinance:

**CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION  
& WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, BOSSIER PARISH,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**BUDGET ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE** adopting an Operation Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA,** in session convened that;

**SECTION 1:** The attached detailed estimates of Revenue for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010 be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Operating Budget of Revenues for the District during the same period.

**BUDGET  
01/01/2010 to 12/31/2010**

**REVENUE SOURCES**

Ad Valorem Tax	760,000.00
State Revenue Sharing	24,000.00
Gate	97,000.00
Launch	20,000.00
Boat Permits	72,000.00
Leases & Permits	14,000.00
Camping	250,000.00
Picnic Shelters	9,000.00
Cottages	24,500.00
Cabins	18,750.00
Boatslip Rental	8,500.00
Marina	1,800.00
Interest Earned	3,000.00
Other	20,000.00
Season Pass	2,000.00
Zoo Grant	10,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,334,550.00</b>

## EXPENDITURES

Adm. Wages	93,600.00
Security Wages	184,600.00
Ranger Wages	60,500.00
Gate Wages	41,100.00
Maintenance Wages	140,400.00
Maids Wages	62,400.00
Nature Center Wages	21,400.00
Zoo Wages	65,500.00
<b>TOTAL WAGES</b>	<b>669,500.00</b>
Social Security Taxes	33,000.00
Unemployment Ins.	6,000.00
Medical Insurance	11,000.00
Insurance & Bonds	190,000.00
Per Diem	2,400.00
Office	15,000.00
Credit Card Fees	5,500.00
Legal Publishing	7,000.00
Legal & Professional Fees	25,500.00
Tourism	7,000.00
Utilities	87,000.00
Telephone	13,500.00
Boat Permits	2,500.00
Uniforms	2,500.00
Maint. & Supplies	190,000.00
Equipment	31,000.00
Nature Center	800.00
Zoo Food	26,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,325,200.00</b>

**SECTION 2.** The attached detailed estimates of Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Operating Budget of Expenditures for the District during the same period.

**SECTION 3.** The adoption of this Budget of Expenditures be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth.

**SECTION 4.** Amounts available for Expenditures only to the extent included within the 2010 year Budget.

The board will review the budgets and Mr. Walden will meet with Mr. Bates for a last review. Mr. Head asked Mr. Walden to check and see if the 2010 raises are in line with the CPI index and what expenses are in the "Tourism" account. Mr. Juneau suggested Mr. Walden check with the Lt. Governor's office for tourism funding.

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### **Nature Center Report:**

**Total number of visitors to the Cypress Nature Study Center for October 951.**

The erosion on 2 or 3 nature trails is worse after this last round of flooding. These problems will need to be addressed before the spring and high season get here. I have given my wish list to Mr. Walden in hopes of accomplishing as many of them as possible. My number one need is internet service that works at the Nature Center. December 5 the nature center will host another LaSip training session with Bob Boykin and his group of educators. The teachers will complete another round of water testing for comparison with tests completed in July. In

**January and early February 2010 I will be in various schools for Science Fair Judging. The Regional Science Fair will be held the first weekend in March, 2010.**

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**Landowner Rules and Regulations: This topic was tabled until the December regular meeting in hopes that Mr. Easterly will be in attendance.**

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**On motion by Mr. Head, seconded by Mr. Covington and unanimously approved the Board agreed that they would table any action concerning the Woodlake Ridge subdivision until that subdivision's pending litigation is resolved.**

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**Executive Director's Report:**

**Mr. Walden spoke with James Seales, LDWF, who said he would take a tour of both lakes to check the salvinia and set up plans to begin spraying.**

**Cameras for the entrance have been ordered.**

**We are waiting on Baton Rouge to complete their part in the Zoo pasture issue.**

**We are waiting on a new bid for sewer systems in RV.**

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**There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.**

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**Wes Burdine, President**

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**Sonny Head, Secretary**