

December 8, 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, Melissa Whittington, Bruce Easterly, Jon Whittington, Robert Berry, Bill Hine, Emmett & Mary Smith, Mike Strayhan,

President Burdine opened the Public Hearing to receive questions or comments concerning the approval of the Ordinance amending 2009 Budget and the Ordinance adopting an Operation Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for 2010. There being no questions or comments, on motion by Mr. Covington, seconded by Mr. Head the meeting was adjourned.

President Burdine called the regular monthly meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of November 10, 2009 was made by Mr. Covington, seconded by Mr. Juneau and unanimously carried.

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

At this time Melissa Whittington gave the following Nature Study Center report:

Total visitors to the Nature Study Center in November was 1,014.

The erosion problems I mentioned at the October meeting are being addressed; after the first of the year I hope to completely fix them by adding more filler (rock of some kind) then place small gravel as a finish. The bridge on one of our trails has shifted and sunk due to so much water erosion damage. It will continue to sink unless it is reworked or maybe completely redone. Since the flooding we have a severe beaver problem. They have built a hut under the main bridge structure and cut down or damaged several trees. Mr. Walden and I have discussed this and feel that they need to be removed as soon as possible.

The following Ordinance was offered by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Head:

**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 2009 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
TOTAL REVENUE	1,287,550.00

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
TOTAL WAGES	643,500.00
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
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,284,725.00

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.

This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the Ordinance was declared adopted on this the 8th day of December, 2009.

The following Ordinance was offered by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Covington:

**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
TOTAL REVENUE	1,334,550.00

EXPENDITURES

Adm. Wages	91,800.00
Security Wages	181,050.00

Ranger Wages	59,200.00
Gate Wages	40,300.00
Maintenance Wages	137,700.00
Maids Wages	61,200.00
Nature Center Wages	21,000.00
Zoo Wages	64,300.00
TOTAL WAGES	656,550.00
Social Security Taxes	32,000.00
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	9,800.00
Boat Permits	2,500.00
Uniforms	2,500.00
Maint. & Supplies	180,000.00
Equipment	31,000.00
Nature Center Food	800.00
Zoo Food	26,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,297,550.00

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 Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Wes Burdine, Jerry Juneau, Sonny Head, Ralph Whitley, Ernest Covington
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

And the Ordinance was declared adopted on this the 8th day of December, 2009.

Bruce Easterly's Report:

We still need to address and fix some of the piers on Cypress and Black Bayou lakes. Mr. Easterly and Mr. Southerland will get together and put together some standards for excavating across the flowage easement lines. Mr. Walden is to get together with the Bossier Parish Police Jury to find out about the new parish wide sewer system and report back to the board at the next regular meeting in January, 2010.

Executive Director's report:

We have received a request from a landowner asking permission to take off and land an airplane from Cypress Lake. After much discussion this issue was tabled until the next meeting.

At this time President Burdine presented Jon Whittington with a “Lifetime Free Pass” to Cypress Park in recognition for his work while on the Board of Commissioners.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Wes Burdine, President

Sonny Head, Secretary