

January 14, 2020  
Board Meeting

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 in the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation Area, Benton, Louisiana on the above date with the following:

Present: Walter Bigby, Jerry Fowler, Mel Allen, Gary Wyche and Robert Berry

Absent: None

Also Present: Chelle Carroll, Alex Vozzella, Lee Ayres, Charles Keene, Michael Thomas, William Hearne, Connie Turner, Douglas Louke, Phil Gartner, Linda and Paul Davidson, see sheet for complete list

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Mr. Bigby.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Fowler. Roll call was made by Chelle Carroll.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Allen. Public comment was requested, Mrs. Brown asked the Board to consider revising how executive session is listed on the Oct. 25 meeting agenda. The vote was unanimously carried.

A motion to approve the minutes from the 12-10-2019 Monthly Meeting was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Fowler. Mr. Allen asked if there were any changes to be made with none recieved. The vote was unanimously carried since no changes were to be made.

A motion to approve the minutes from the 12-16-2019 Special Meeting was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Fowler. Mr. Allen asked if there were any changes to be made with none recieved. The vote was unanimously carried since no changes were to be made.

**New Business:**

- Cook and Morehart Engagement Letters
  - There are two engagement letters. The first is the Audit Engagement Letter that lists out what services that are provided from Cook and Morehart. The second letter is the Agreed Upon Procedures that are required by the state.
- Mark Ford Engagement Letter
  - This lists out the services that are provided by Mark Ford CPA.

A motion to approve Cook and Morehart engagement letters and Mark Ford CPA engagement letter was made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Allen. Public comment was requested with some questions regarding the firms. The vote was unanimously carried.

- Information Session:
  - Mr. Allen and Ms. Vozzella spoke on behalf of the Board of Commissioners to clear up some information. There was lengthy discussion with the public regarding these topics. We will have a copy of the letter she read from on our website.
  - Should the public have questions regarding information about the park, please contact us directly.

**Old Business:**

- None

A motion to enter into executive session to discuss the Hall litigation(*Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District v. David Wendall Hall, et al*; Suit No. C-159899, Sec. 3; 26<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court; Bossier Parish, Louisiana) was made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Allen. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

A motion to enter back into the regular meeting was made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Allen. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

There being no further business at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Allen to adjourn the meeting. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

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Walt Bigby, President

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Jerry Fowler, Vice-President