



Prairie tour group at Vernon Fuselier's prairies.

Minutes
The Cajun Prairie Habitat Preservation Society, Inc.
September 16, 2017

The business meeting was called to order at Rocky's Restaurant at 12:30 pm on September 16, 2017 by Margaret Frey.

The business meeting followed tours of the Eunice Prairie, Malcolm and Gail Vidrine's Cajun Prairie Gardens and Vernon and Justin Fuselier's Coastal Prairie Landscaping and Nursery facility and prairie restorations.

Old Business:

Malcolm Vidrine provided minutes from the previous meeting. Mac Myers moved for the acceptance of the minutes, and Annette Parker Kahn seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote.

Patricia Lewis provided a treasurer's report. Mac Myers moved for the acceptance of the report, and Annette Parker Kahn seconded the motion. The report was accepted by a unanimous vote.

Marc Pastorek provided a report from the Management Committee on the progress of work at the Eunice Prairies. Mowata Services.LLC. is mulching the trees in the prairies over the next few weeks.

New Business:

Margaret Frey announced the Experience Louisiana Festival on October 28-29 at Louisiana State University Eunice. Volunteers for assistance at the booth were solicited.

Bette Kauffman announced that Friends of Black Bayou were hosting a festival in Monroe. Also, a Northeast Louisiana Master Naturalist Program is to be initiated.

Eric Vanbergen, a 10th grader Ascension Episcopal High School, thanked the society members for their assistance and announced that the prairie restoration was seeded in January—a 3.5 acre project.

A discussion followed regarding the Spring meeting. A tentative date was assigned, but the date was not firm.

Stephen Nevitt made a motion to adjourn and David Lewis seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted
Malcolm F. Vidrine, Ph.D., Secretary



Eunice prairies (10 acre site and northeast site) with trees before mulching (aerial photo by Marc Pastorek).



Eunice prairies (10 acre site and northeast site) without trees after mulching (aerial photo by Marc Pastorek).