

CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 8th, 2024

A Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, Bossier Parish, Louisiana was held on the 8th day of October, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., in the Nature Center building, located at 135 Cypress Park Drive, Benton, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Gary Wyche. The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner, Jerry Wilhite, Roll call by Lisa Free, with members present as follows:

Gary Wyche	Rodney Madden
Jerry Wilhite	Jay Crooks
Kelly Long - Absent	

Others present include Lisa Free, Director of Finance and Administration, Alex Vozzella, Legal Counsel for the District, and Jordan Sparks, Waggoner Engineering. Please see sign-in sheet for members of the public who were also present.

Motion was made by Jerry Wilhite and seconded by Rodney Madden to approve the minutes from the September 10th, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Public comment was requested with none received.
Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

CBB Park Report:

Gary Wyche gave report for John Oswick. For Fall break we have had 37 reservations with another 24 booked and due in the next few days. Since implementing the online reservation program we have had 67 reservations made online, a lot of them were simply travelers passing through for one night which we may not have been able to secure without the online booking engine. Work has started on the buoys for the lakes.

Financial Report:

Financial reports provided by email and copies in binders. No questions or concerns from Board. In process of the Workers Compensation Audit for 23-24 and hope to be completed by October 18th, 2024. Credit Card fees and Electric bills are down.

Non-Action Item:

Letter received from DOTD for the Dam inspections to take place the week of October 14th, 2024.

Old Business:

Consideration of price negotiation for River Cities Triathlon for 2025.

Motion made by Jerry Wilhite and seconded by Rodney Madden to lower the price from \$5,000 to \$4,000 for the Triathlon with the understanding that the Park will remain open for that weekend.

Comments and discussion from Matt McVicar and the Board.
Public comment requested with none received.

Votes were cast and motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approval of bid for new computer equipment for Front Gate office, Administration office, Nature Center, and Marina.

Motion was made by Jerry Wilhite and seconded by Rodney Madden to accept the bid from Team Logic for new computer equipment and IT services.

Bids presented by Lisa Free and discussion with Board.
Public Comment requested with none received.

Votes were cast and motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of approval of bid for new gate operating equipment.

Motion made by Rodney Madden and seconded by Jay Crooks to accept the bid from Avallone Architectural Specialties for new gate operating equipment.

Bids presented by Lisa Free and discussion with Board.
Public Comment requested with non received.

Votes were cast and motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Consideration of donation of the dig-in for the seawall replacement located at 235 Jessie Jones Drive, by Siemco, LLC.

Motion was made by Jerry Wilhite and seconded by Rodney Madden to grant Gary Wyche authority to execute the Donation Deed for the dig-in located at 235 Jessie Jones Drive to move forward with permitting for seawall replacement.

Comments and discussion from Jordan Sparks and Board.
Public comment requested with none received.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Board opened the floor for public comment or questions on any matter.

Public comment and discussion received from Michael Kendrick on status of buoys for Cypress and Black Bayou Lakes with discussion concerning verbage to be printed on buoys.

No action taken.

Board requested update on status of permits from Jordan Sparks.

Jordan Sparks gave update on current permits Waggoner is working to approve and complete.

No action taken.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Gary Wyche and seconded by Jerry Wilhite to adjourn the meeting.

Public comment requested with none received.

Votes were cast and motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Gary Wyche at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Gary Wyche, President
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &
Water Conservation District

Kelly Long, Vice President
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &
Water Conservation District