

CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 17th, 2024

A Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, Bossier Parish, Louisiana was held on the 17th day of December, 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 Vice President, Kelly Long, Roll call by Lisa Free, with members present as follows:

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

Others present include Lisa Free, Director of Finance and Administration, John Oswick, Park Director, and Alex Vozzella, Legal Counsel for the District, Travis Morehart, Cook and Morhart CPA. Please see sign-in sheet for members of the public who were also present.

Motion was made by Rodney Madden and seconded by Kelly Long to approve the minutes from the November 12th, 2024 Regular Meeting.

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

CBB Park Report:

John Oswick reported that the Dam Inspection Reports came back and were favorable. Cypress Dam had some vegetation growth and some rutting to be filled in. Black Bayou has a handrail to be repaired and need to find a trapper due to hogs tearing up surface. No staff guage on Black Bayou, there is one on Cypress provided and maintained by DOTD. The staff guage would be quite costly to install and have maintained. John will reach out to DOTD concerning providing one to Cypress. The RV park has approximately 22 reservations currently for the holiday weeks which is down slightly. Park was about 60% full for Thanksgiving holiday.

Financial Report:

Financial reports provided by email and copies in binders. No questions or concerns from Board. The year end cash balances will be considerably better than end of 2023.

Non-Action Item: None

Old Business: None

Public Hearing:

Gary Wyche announced consideration to enter into a public hearing to amend the 2024 budget.

Motion was made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jay Crooks to enter into a public hearing to consider amending the 2024 budget.

Public comment was requested with non received.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jay Crooks to close the public hearing .

Gary Wyche announced consideration to enter into a public hearing to consider the 2025 proposed budget.

Motion was made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jay Crooks to enter into a public hearing to consider the 2025 proposed budget.

Public comment was requested with non received.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Gary Wyche announced the consideration and adoption of Resolution 2024-002 to amend the budget for the year 2024.

Motion was made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jay Crooks to adopt Resolution 2024-002 that amends the budget for 2024.

Public comment requested with none received. Some discussion with Board and Travis Morehart with Cook and Morehart CPAs.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Gary Wyche	X		
Kelly Long	X		
Rodney Madden	X		
Jerry Wilhite			X
Jay Crooks	X		

Gary Wyche announced the consideration and adoption of Resolution 2024-003 to approve the proposed budget for the year 2025.

Motion was made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jay Crooks to adopt Resolution 2024-003 that adopts the proposed budget for 2025.

Public comment requested with none received.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Gary Wyche	X		
Kelly Long	X		
Rodney Madden	X		
Jerry Wilhite			X
Jay Crooks	X		

Adjournment:

Gary Wyche requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Rodney Madden and seconded by Kelly Long to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Gary Wyche at approximately 5:25 p.m.

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

Kelly Long, Vice President
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &
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