

**CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 11th, 2025

A Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, Bossier Parish, Louisiana was held on the 11th day of February, 2025, 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
Jay Crooks	

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

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**Motion was made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jerry Wilhite to approve the minutes from the December 17th, 2024 Regular Meeting.**

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

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**CBB Park Report:**

John Oswick reported he was researching pricing on carrying Non Ethanol gas at the Marina, getting pricing on a possible Disc golf course, discussed options for protecting the Dam from the hogs that are causing damage, and discussed options for new Housekeeping facilities, and repairs to piers in RV camping. We have mailed reminder invoices to the 154 landowners who have not paid their fees.

**Financial Report:**

Financial reports provided by email and copies in binders. No questions or concerns from Board. We will research options for short term investment.

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**Non-Action Item:**

Presentation from Christina Thomason with CJ's Grub Shack to manage the Marina.

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**Old Business:** None

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**New Business:**

Consideration to move forward with a Lease agreement with the Benton Fire Department for new boathouse on Black Bayou.

**Motion was made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jerry Wilhite to table the boathouse and amendment to the current lease until next meeting in order to have a complete package of information.**

Public comment requested with some discussion with board and Fire Chief J. T. Wallace.  
**Votes were cast, and motion carried unanimously.**

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Consideration of Engagement Letter to retain Cook and Morehart, CPAs to perform the 2024 audit.

**Motion was made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jerry Wilhite to give Gary Wyche authority to execute the Engagement Letter to retain Cook and Morehart, CPAs to perform 2024 audit.**

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		

Consideration of Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures letter for 2024 with Cook and Morehart, CPAs.

**Motion was made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jay Crooks to give Gary Wyche authority to execute the Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures letter for 2024 with Cook and Morehart, CPAs.**

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		

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Consideration to revise and re-enact citations to be issued at boat launches and on the lakes.

**Motion was made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jerry Wilhite to table revision of citations with instructions for legal counsel to research options.**

Public comment requested with discussion with board, John Oswick, Park Manager, and Alex Vozzella, Legal Counsel.  
**Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

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**Adjournment:**

Gary Wyche requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jerry Wilhite to adjourn the meeting.**

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Gary Wyche at approximately 6:20 p.m.

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

Kelly Long, Vice President  
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &  
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