

CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 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 March, 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.

Motion was made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jerry Wilhite to approve the minutes from the February 11th, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

CBB Park Report:

John Oswick reported he looked at the area for fencing at the Dam, which is about 500', for the problem with the Hogs. The damage looks to be older so we will first install cameras and see if we are still having a problem before moving forward with a Hotshot fence. Week of Springbreak has been pretty busy, we had 46 checkins and good turn out on day passes and boat permits. Maintenance trailer will be cleaned up and refurbished in lieu of replaced. Also, looking to install washer/dryer units at RV Bath House for campers. Still have 95 Landowners who have not paid their fees. Any unpaid by end of March will be turned over to ODR. Preparations have begun for the July 4th Fireworks event. Warning Notices on vehicles at the boat launches seem to be sufficing in enforcing the Boat Permit regulations. We will look into selling Boat Permits at launches remotely.

Financial Report:

Financial reports provided by email and copies in binders. No questions or concerns from Board. Insurance policies came in with some increases and will report to Board this week on the amounts.

Non-Action Item: None, guest did not show.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Consideration of participating in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP).

Motion was made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jay Crooks to move forward with the application to participate in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP).

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

Consideration to move forward with the contract with CJ's Grub Shack to lease the Marina for the 2025 season.

Motion was made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jerry Wilhite to give Gary Wyche authority to execute the contract to lease the Marina with CJ's Grub Shack for the 2025 season, approved by Legal Counsel..

Public comment requested with discussion from Christina Thomason with Cj's Grub Shack and John Oswick, Park Director; Alex Vozzella, Legal Counsel; and Board.
Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously

Consideration for Cross Point Baptist to have a public Easter Egg Hunt event at the park on April 5th from 12:00 to 5:00 pm.

Motion was made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jerry Wilhite to approve Cross Point Baptist Church to host an Easter Egg Hunt event at Cypress Park on April 5th, 2025 from 12:00 pm-5:00 pm, to include the activity of a Kid's Fishing Tournament at the pond and subject to providing their their own security and at the rates set forth in the Meeting by John Oswick.

Public comment requested with discussion from Rachel Welton, Cross Point Baptist; John Oswick, Park Director; Shane Nugent, Cross Point Baptist; Alex Vozzella, Legal Counsel; and Board.
Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Non Agenda / Non Action Item:

Rodney Madden discussed questions and concerns from Engineers with the Board on the Rules and Regulations of the permitting for Contractors, Flowage Easement and Fee Lines and the permitting of work. Open discussion with the Board and requests for verification from Legal Counsel. Rodney has also requested a clean up of the permit application from the Engineers. Processes are good just need a new user friendly permit application. No action taken.

Adjournment:

Gary Wyche requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Gary Wyche at approximately 6:15 p.m.

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

Kelly Long, Vice President
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