

CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 10th, 2026

A Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, Bossier Parish, Louisiana was held on the 10th day of March, 2026, 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. Rodney Madden. The pledge of allegiance was led by Vice-President, Jay Crooks. Roll call by Lisa Free, with members present as follows:

Rodney Madden Kelly Long
Jay Crooks Gary Wyche
Jerry Wilhite

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

Motion was made by Jay Crooks and seconded by Jerry Wilhite to approve the minutes from the February 10th, 2025 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 Triathlon has been officially cancelled. The estimates for adding Wifi to Cottages and Cabins came back at \$30,000. To add Wifi to RV Park would be in excess \$100,000. John proposed dedicating approximately 10 RV spots for Data Center employees for long term rentals. John presented 3 quotes for a new Side by Side for the Park due to the old Side by Side engine going out.

Financial Report:

Financial reports provided by email and copies in binders. Lamp account interest income was updated on Balance Sheet after it was emailed and should reflect a total of \$7,453.00 for the current year. The 60 day letters went out March 1st. The 30 day letters will go out April 1st.

Non-Action Item:

None

Old Business:

Consideration of a proposal by Paddle Up Kayak Rental business to partner with Cypress Black Bayou.

Motion made by Kelly Long and seconded by Rodney Madden to vote to decline the partnership proposal by Paddle Up Kayak Rental subject to review at a later date.

Discussion between Board, Alex Vozzella, and Harlee Pirtle.
Votes were cast and motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Consideration of contract with Waggoner Engineering, Inc.

Motion was made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jerry Wilhite to continue services with Waggoner Engineering, Inc. under the proposed contract.

Discussion between Board, Jordan Sparks, and Alex Vozzella.
Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Right of Way Easement for SWEPCO at new Benton Fire Department Boat House on Black Bayou, Parks Rd.

Motion made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jerry Wilhite to approve and execute the Right of Way Easement for SWEPCO.

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

Consideration to add the purchase of new Side by Side to agenda.

Motion made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jerry Wilhite to add new Side by Side to the agenda.

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

Consideration to purchase a new Side by Side from estimates presented under state contract.

Motion made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jerry Wilhite to purchase a new Polaris Side by Side under state contract from Louisiana Power Sports based on quotes presented and attached.

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

Adjournment:

Rodney Madden 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 Rodney Madden at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Rodney Madden, President
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &
Water Conservation District

Jay Crooks, Vice President
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &
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