

CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 11th, 2026

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 August, 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 - Absent
Jay Crooks	Jerry Wilhite
Matt Marshall	

Others present include Lisa Free, Director of Finance and Administration, and John Oswick, Park Director. 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 June 23rd, 2026 Regular Meeting.

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

CBB Park Report:

John Oswick reported on July 4th Event. The park sold 1254 day passes from 8 am to 5 pm and estimated 500 entries after 5:00 pm when the gates opened with no charge. The RV, Primitive camping, Cottages and Cabins were all booked with a 3 night minimum. This years event increased revenue by about 15% over previous year.

Financial Report:

Lisa Free reported that Financial reports have been provided by email and copies in binders. We are still receiving a few Landowner payments from ODR. Lamp accounts have accumulated interest income of nearly \$56,000.00 from inception of April 2025.

Non-Action Item:

Recognition and appreciation for Gary Wyche for his years of service on the Board of Commissioners and Welcome to Matt Marshall as our newest addition to the Board representing the Town of Benton.

Annual Audit presentation from Travis Morehart, Cook and Morehart CPA's. Audit has been completed with no findings for 2025.

Open discussion on Public Boat Launch parking lot repairs. Also discussion for Fall Fest Event planning and using \$2,500 of Event Budget for the event.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

Rodney Madden requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Jay Crooks 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 5:40 p.m.

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

Jay Crooks, Vice President
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &
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