

**CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2021

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 May, 2021, at 4:00 pm., in the Nature Center building, located at 135 Cypress Park Drive, Benton, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Mel Allen. The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Gary Wyche. Chelle Carroll called the roll, with all members present as follows:

Walter Bigby	Gary Wyche
Jerry Fowler	Mel Allen
Robert Berry	

Others present include Chelle Carroll, Office Administrator for the District; 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 Mr. Bigby, seconded by Mr. Wyche to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Public comment was requested.

Public comment was received from: Mrs. Kay Loftin

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Allen announced the ratification of engagement agreement to retain Liz Mangham with Southern Strategy Group, to perform governmental affairs services for the District.

Mr. Berry was not present for this agenda item.

Mr. Allen stated that the District was not contacted regarding House Bill 630. The bill has constitutional issues.

After consulting with the District's attorney, Mr. Allen decided, in the best interest of the District, to hire the Southern Strategy Group.

Motion to approve the ratification agreement between the District and Southern Strategy Group was made by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Fowler.

Public comment was requested.

Public comment was received from: Mrs. Loftin and Mrs. Dee Hanson

Votes were cast. The motion carried with Mr. Berry absent.

Mr. Allen announced the consideration of retaining Charlie Coyle of Coyle Engineering Co, Inc. to perform some surveying services for the District.

Mr. Coyle would check land surveys for lake property owners to make sure they meet all the guidelines.

Mr. Coyle stated there would be a service agreement made up.

Ms. Vozzella recommended to authorize retainment of Mr. Coyle and at the next meeting, present the service agreement to be voted on.

Motion to authorize the retainment of Charlie Coyle was made by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Wyche.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session:

Mr. Allen announced that they would need to go into executive session to discuss litigation regarding Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District v. David Wendall Hall, et al; Suit no. C-159899.

Motion was made to enter into Executive Session by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Fowler.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made to enter back into the regular meeting by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Wyche.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Allen at approximately 5:40 pm.

MEL ALLEN, President
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &
Water Conservation District

WALT BIGBY, Secretary
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &
Water Conservation District