

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2021

A Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, Bossier Parish, Louisiana was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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. Gary Wyche. The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Bigby. Chelle Carroll called the roll, with all members present as follows:

Walter Bigby	Gary Wyche
Jerry Fowler	Robert Berry
Kelly Long	

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.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Bigby to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2021 Regular Meeting.**

Public comment was requested with none received.

**Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Bigby to approve the minutes from the August 31, 2021 Emergency Meeting.**

Public comment was requested with none received.

**Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

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**Executive Director's Report:**

Mr. Berry gave an update on the evacuees from Hurricane Ida. There are many entities to thank for their help and donations.

Mr. Berry gave an update on the Linton Rd. Bridge closure.

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**Old Business:**

Mr. Wyche announced Mr. Daniel Wolff's driveway permit request.

Mr. Wolff has received a letter of approval for emergency access.

Mr. Wyche asked if there was another alternative, but for the Police Jury to approve Mr. Wolff's subdivision plat, he has to have access off Voss Rd.

Mr. Coyle recommended that the emergency access be stated on the plat if the property will sell to a new buyer.

The gravel driveway will be at grade level and the volume will not change. Mr. Berry asked that the District's engineers oversee the project as an as built so we know the elevation will not change.

**A motion to approve the request submitted by Mr. Wolff for his driveway was made by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mrs. Long. An amendment to the motion to add that the emergency access be recorded in the deed, the tole pole elevation be recorded prior to the construction of the road and after, and to use rock material only was made by Mr. Berry and seconded by Mrs. Long.**

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

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**New Business:**

Mr. Wyche announced the consideration of proposed revisions to various portions of the District's rules and regulations.

Ms. Vozzella stated most of the changes were in section 7 regarding construction and similar operations. There are some revisions to the first two sections regarding updates for House Bill 630.

Mr. Berry proposed to add that on Black Bayou, the length of the boathouse can be permitted up to 60 feet and anything over will need board approval.

Mr. Easterly proposed to make the permits good for more than six months. Mr. Berry proposed that the permits stay at six months, but can be renewed for another six months with no changes to the plans.

Ms. Vozzella stated that she would add the suggested changes to be presented at the next meeting for approval.

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Mr. Wyche announced the consideration of a boathouse permit for Mr. Philip Rodgers at 368 Merritt Rd.

Mr. Rodgers presented plans that meet the rules and regulations, but needs board approval to extend out 135 feet due to no depth of the water.

**Motion was made by Mr. Bigby, seconded by Mrs. Fowler to approve the proposed boathouse.**

Public comment was requested with none received.

**Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

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**Executive Session:**

**Motion was made to enter into executive session to discuss Rodney Thornhill v. the District, the District v. David Wendall Hall, and J. Schuyler Martin v. Robert Berry by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Fowler. Mr. Berry excused himself from being in executive session.**

Public comment was requested with none received.

**Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

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

Public comment was requested with none received.

**Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Wyche at approximately 5:05 pm.

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GARY WYCHE, President  
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &  
Water Conservation District

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JERRY FOWLER, Secretary  
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &  
Water Conservation District