

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 08, 2022

A Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, Bossier Parish, Louisiana was held on the 8th day of March, 2022, 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 and Lee Ayres, Legal Counsel for the District.

Please see sign-in sheet for members of the public who were also present.

Motion was made by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Bigby to approve the minutes from the February 08, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Berry announced that we will need to look at raising the prices on sites and day passes due to the rise in electricity and goods.

Mr. Berry stated that salvinia was sprayed on Black Bayou and Wildlife and Fisheries will do an evaluation.

New Business:

Mr. Wyche announced consideration of agreement with the Louisiana Office of Debt Recovery for the collection of delinquent landowner fees.

Ms. Vozella spoke with Brett Porrier, head of the Louisiana office. The Office of Debt Recovery is a program within the Louisiana Department of Revenue.

It was created by statute for debt collection solely for the state, but the statute was amended to open it up to other state entities.

There would be no cost to us, except to send two letters with certain language.

Once it is turned over to their office, they will add on their own fee.

Motion was made by Mr. Bigby, seconded by Mr. Fowler consider agreement from the Louisiana Office of Debt Recovery and to let Gary Wyche, President of the Board, to sign it.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Votes were cast as follows:

	Yay	Nay	Absent
Gary Wyche	X		
Walt Bigby	X		
Jerry Fowler	X		
Kelly Long	X		
Robert Berry	X		

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wyche announced the consideration of paving and draining plans for Belmere Unit 6 Subdivision. Mr. Micah Duffy presented that the subdivision was 60 lots, and 8 butt up to the fee line. There are two storm drain outfalls. One is an open concrete ditch and the other is an 18" storm drain. Mr. Berry asked about dredging for depth. Mr. Easterly wants to look at it to consider what can be done first then will come back and present to the Board.

Motion was made to give Mr. Easterly and Mr Berry the authority to meet with Coyle Engineering to discuss options to present to the Board by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Bigby.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session:

Motion was made to enter into executive session to discuss matters and litigation regarding the District v. David Wendall Hall by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Bigby.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

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.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Wyche at approximately 5:30 pm.

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

JERRY FOWLER, Secretary
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &
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