

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 09, 2023

A Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, Bossier Parish, Louisiana was held on the 09th day of May, 2023, 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. Walt Bigby. The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Fowler. Chelle Carroll called the roll, with all members present as follows:

Gary Wyche	Robert Berry
Jerry Fowler	Walter Bigby
Kelly Long	

Others present include Chelle Carroll, Office Administrator for the District; 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. Wyche to add Mr. Thomas Pulley trees to the agenda under new business.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Ms. Long to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2023 meeting.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Berry stated that we have removed the old transformers out of the RV area and are ready for Memorial weekend.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Bigby announced the consideration of a boathouse by Lindsey Allen at 5108 Water's Edge.

Mr. Berry stated that it will extend 4 feet out more from the original plan and there should be no issues with that.

Motion was made to approve the boathouse extension of 4 feet by Mr. Wyche and seconded by Mr. Fowler.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bigby announced the consideration and adoption of Resolution 2023-001 adopting the millage rate for the year 2023.

Motion was made to adopt the millage rate at 1.56 mills for the year 2023 consistent with 2022 by Ms. Long and seconded by Mr. Fowler.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

The resolution goes as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-001

The following Resolution was offered by Ms. Long who moved for its adoption, and seconded by Mr. Fowler at the May 9, 2023 meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District:

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE
FOR THE YEAR 2023**

WHEREAS, the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District of Bossier Parish, Louisiana (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana and a special district created and existing pursuant to Article VI, Section 19 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana 1974 and Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, as amended (La. R.S. 38:2601, *et seq.*), and other relevant constitutional and statutory authority;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following millage is hereby levied on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the District:

2023 MILLAGE

Maintenance and Operations 1.56 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the District be and is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2023, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the Resolution was adopted by the following votes:

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Gary Wyche	X			
Jerry Fowler	X			
Kelly Long	X			
Robert Berry	X			
Walter Bigby	X			

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this 9th day of May, 2023.

Mr. Bigby announced the consideration for Thomas Pulley to remove trees on the District's property.
Mr. Pulley stated that the trees are damaged and/or dying and he provided photographs.

Motion was made to approve the removal of trees necessary on Mr. Pulley's property by Ms. Long 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. Bigby at approximately 4:15 pm.

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

KELLY LONG, Secretary
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &
Water Conservation District