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**Adopted by the**

**CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION**

**AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, BOSSIER PARISH**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**SECTION I**

**GENERAL**

**1. DISTRICT AUTHORITY**

- a. The Legislature of the State of Louisiana created the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, Bossier Parish, State of Louisiana by Act No. 292 of 1958 as amended and shown as Louisiana Revised Statute Title 38, Section 2610, et.seq., as amended.
- b. The Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana and has all the rights, powers and privileges of a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana. In general its rights are specified in the laws of the State of Louisiana. More specifically its rights, powers and privileges are spelled out in RS 38:2603 and 2608. It is to have the broadest power as allowed under the laws of the State of Louisiana.

**2. GOVERNING BOARD**

- a. The District shall be governed and controlled by a board of five commissioners, each of whom shall be a qualified elector of Bossier Parish, residing and owning property within the District. The successors to the present members of the board of commissioners shall be appointed as follows: one by the police jury of Bossier Parish; one by the mayor and governing authority of the City of Bossier City; one by the mayor and governing authority of the Town of Benton; one by the Bossier Parish School Board and the fifth, by the Board of Commissioners of the Bossier Levee District. Any vacancy in the office of commissioner due to death, resignation or any other cause shall be filled by an affirmative vote of the majority of the remaining commissioners. The person so elected shall serve the unexpired term.
- b. Each member of the board of commissioners shall serve a term of five years from the date of his appointment to the board.

**3. DISTRICT POWERS**

- a. In order to accomplish the purposes of the District and to secure the best results for the construction, operation and maintenance of the works and improvements of the District and to prevent damage to the property of the District, the board of

commissioners may make such rules and regulation as it shall deem advisable to:

- (1) Protect and preserve the works, machinery, improvements and property owned or controlled by the District and to prescribe the manner of their use.
- (2) Prescribe the manner of buildings, bridges, roads, fences or other works in, along or across any channel , reservoir or other construction of the District.
- (3) Prescribe the manner in which ditches, sewers, pipelines or other works shall be adjusted to or connected with the facilities of the District or any water course within the District and the manner in which the water courses of the District may be used for the disposal of waste.
- (4) Prescribe the permissible uses of the waters of the District made available by its facilities and to prevent the pollution or the unnecessary waste of such water.
- (5) Prohibit or regulate the discharge of sewers into the District of any liquid or solid waste deemed detrimental to the waters or facilities of the District.
- (6) Create, construct and administer such recreational parks, playgrounds and picnic areas as the board shall consider necessary for the use and enjoyment of any water facility owned or controlled by the District and shall provide adequate access to any lake or reservoir created by the District for the use of the public.

**4. PUBLIC SAFETY**

- a. Flights of all Ultra-Light aircraft are prohibited under five hundred feet altitude on both the Cypress and Black Bayou Reservoirs.
- b. Amphibious aircraft takeoffs and landings on Cypress Reservoir and Black Bayou Reservoir are prohibited.
- c. The discharge of a firearm is prohibited on the Black Bayou Reservoir.

**SECTION II**

All policies related to the operation of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, have been established by the Board of Commissioners of the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District at a meeting on September 9, 1976 at Benton, Louisiana.

**1. EFFECTIVE DATE**

- a. These policies shall become effective immediately, will be published in appropriate local newspapers or publications, will be published in a manual and shall remain in effect until amended, revised or rescinded by an official

action on the part of the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District.

**2. POLICY REVIEW**

- a. It shall be the policy of the Board of Commissioners of the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District that these policies shall be officially reviewed periodically.

**3. PROPERTY USE**

- a. The policy is herein established that no property owned by the District will be available for private, public or commercial use, so long as such property is required for present or future District uses or purposes.

**4. PROPERTY DISPOSAL**

- a. The policy is herein established that no property owned by the District will be disposed of by sale or transfer of title at any time, unless such property is determined by the Board of Commissioners to be “surplus” and unnecessary to use by the District. In such event, property deemed surplus shall be offered for sale by public sale in accordance with Louisiana Law. The District shall and does reserve the right to reject any and all bids. no property will be declared surplus for which the Soil Conservation Service reimbursed the District for a share of the costs.

**5. POLLUTANT DISPOSAL**

- a. The policy is herein established that strict regulation of the use, discharge, dumping, disposal of animal waste, garbage and pesticides within the watershed of the reservoirs be exercised. Included within this provision are sanitary land fills, garbage dumps, sewage disposal facilities and agricultural operations, such as cattle and hog production areas, chicken houses, the use of manure as fertilizer, feed lot operations, etc. In general these sources of pollution will be regulated by Police Jury Ordinance or State Health Department or Parish Health Unit rules and regulations and enforced by the Bossier Parish Health Unit personnel.

**6. “IN FEE” PROPERTY**

- a. The policy is herein established that quality standards, regulation of maintenance standards and abandonment without removal of any type of buildings, facilities, docks, piers, installations or structures on District owned land will be regulated by the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District.

**7. SHORELINE PROPERTY**

- a. The policy is herein established that quality standards and

regulations of minimum construction standards for any type of buildings or facilities within 800 feet of the shoreline of the reservoirs, other than on lands owned "in fee" by the District, will be controlled by the Bossier Parish Police Jury and the ordinances and procedures established by the Jury for this purpose.

**8. SHORELINE AESTHETICS**

- a. The policies herein established that every effort will be made to retain the natural scenic beauty of the shoreline of the reservoirs. Destruction of trees, shrubs, and natural vegetative screening will be discouraged and where clearing operation on District owned lands are authorized, appropriate measures will be taken to insure proper maintenance and care of the area so cleared in order that the Natural scenic appearance of shoreline is not degraded. Restraint should be exercised toward reduction and destruction of vegetative screening.

**9. ACQUIRED LAND RIGHTS (CYPRESS)**

- a. All of the land rights or property required for the recreation area and for Cypress Bayou Reservoir, the spillway, dam, outfall channels, control structure and appurtenances thereto appertaining, and the reservoir and necessary area owned and administered by the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District.
- b. In order to provide a public access strip around the periphery of Cypress Bayou Reservoir, the District has acquired land areas above the pool stage (179.6 MSL) to the (in-fee line) which is generally the greater of two feet vertically or one hundred feet horizontally above the 179.6 MSL contour line.

**10. FLOWAGE EASEMENT (CYPRESS)**

- a. In order to provide for periodic floods which may inundate areas above spillway elevation 179.6 MSL, the District has acquired a flowage easement up to the (flowage easement line) elevation of 187.5 feet MSL. No dwellings, including structures for human habitation, or structures of any nature, type or kind, either movable or immovable, permanent or temporary will be allowed to be constructed below the 187.5 foot MSL flowage easement line on Cypress. Special requests which have a minimal impact on any flooding that may occur within the flowage easement may be considered by the board on an individual basis. Under no circumstances will permission be given to dig or cut channels across the 187.5 MSL flowage easement contour line on Cypress.

**11. CONSTRUCTION PERMITS (CYPRESS)**

- a. It shall be the policy of the District that the contiguous landowner or District Concessionaire in the recreation area, may use the























