

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

Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2023

A Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, Bossier Parish, Louisiana was held on the 14th day of November, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., 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 President, Gary Wyche. Lisa Free called the roll, with members present as follows:

Gary Wyche                      Rodney Madden  
Kelly Long                      Jerry Fowler  
Jerry Wilhite

Others present include Lisa Free, Office Administrator, John Oswick, Front Gate Administrator, Lee Ayres, Legal Counsel for the District, and Ben Rauschenbach, Manchac Consulting Group, LLC. Please see sign-in sheet for members of the public who were also present.

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**Motion was made by Jerry Fowler and seconded by Jerry Wilhite to approve the minutes from the October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting,**

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

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**Park Report:**

John Oswick gave CBB Park update; Dam inspections went well no major issues. Landowner request for buoys in the lake, Kelly would like to research and defer for later discussion. Rule change to Open Meeting Disability Act, we will need to provide meeting access for those with disabilities who cannot attend in person, John will check into options. We would like to have a surplus auction sale for some old equipment this will be placed on future agenda. Landowner payments will need to be paid by March 31 receiving one reminder in early February.

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**Non-Action Item:**

Announcement and scheduling of 3 future Workshops to be tentatively held on:  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023            2:00 pm  
February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024            2:00 pm  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024                2:00 pm

**New Business:**

Consideration of renewal of Hydroline, LLC Water Purchase Agreement  
Comments from Ben Rauschenbach. No other public comment received

**Motion was made by Gary Wyche, and seconded by Jerry Fowler, to move to December agenda in order to research current per barrel water pricing.**

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

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Consideration of request to relocate a duckblind for James Harvey.

**Motion was made by Kelly Long, and seconded by Jerry Wilhite, to grant permission to James Harvey to move duckblind with the requirement that he register the duckblind with the District and that it must be at least 250 yards from other duckblinds.**

John Oswick spoke on behalf of James Harvey request. No other public comment received.

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

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Consideration of 18' variance for Richard and Linda Havens Boathouse.

**Motion was made by Jerry Fowler, and seconded by Rodney Madden to grant 18' variance to Richard and Linda Havens to construct a boathouse on Black Bayou.**

Comments from Ben Rauschenbach.

Some questions concerning water depth from public.

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

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Consideration of Boat Ramp and Dock for Thomas Pulley at Oak Leaf Trail property.

**Motion made by Jerry Wilhite, and seconded by Rodney Madden to grant permit for Boat Ramp and Dock at Oak Leaf Trail Property.**

Comments from Ben Rauschenbach. Some public comment received.

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

**Old Business:**

Consideration of compliance on permit issued to Philip Rodgers.

**Motion made by Gary Wyche, not seconded, to send letter to Mr. Rodgers requesting suggestions for reconciliation of non compliance of boathouse permit.**

**Motion failed for failure to get a second**

**Motion made by Jerry Wilhite, and seconded by Rodney Madden to amend current permit to the 225' variance on Boathouse.**

Discussion between members of the board. Comments from Legal Counsel Lee Ayres, and some public comment received.

**Votes were cast and motion carried as follows:**

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Jerry Wilhite	X	
Kelly Long	X	
Gary Wyche		X
Jerry Fowler		X
Rodney Madden	X	

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**Non-Agenda Item:**

Public comment received from Sharon Davis concerning permit for garage construction. Ms. Davis was asked to contact CBB Office and have her request added to the December agenda. As well as request for Ben Rauschenbach to make visit to site prior to meeting.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion made by Gary Wyche, and seconded by Kelly Long to adjourn the meeting.**

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

Gary Wyche, President  
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &  
Water Conservation District

Kelly Long, Vice President  
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &  
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