

CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 13th, 2025

A Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, Bossier Parish, Louisiana was held on the 13th day of May, 2025, at 5:00 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 Commissioner, Jerry Wilhite. Roll call by Lisa Free, with members present as follows:

Gary Wyche	Rodney Madden
Kelly Long (Arrived after roll call)	
Jerry Wilhite	Jay Crooks

Others present include Lisa Free, Director of Finance and Administration, John Oswick, Park Director, and Alex Vozzella, Legal Counsel for the District, . Please see sign-in sheet for members of the public who were also present.

Motion was made by Jay Crooks and seconded by Jerry Wilhite to approve the minutes from the April 08th, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

CBB Park Report:

John Oswick reported that there have still been no Hog sightings on the Dam since cameras were put out. The No Wake Buoy's were installed on Cypress Lake on April 3rd and Black Bayou on April 15th. The beach officially opened on May 2nd so we can hopefully get another month of use. We have a full house for Memorial Day weekend, and had a good April with reservations, so we are looking forward to a great summer. Spoke with Deputy Talent with the Sheriff's Department on the July 4th event. Advised we are looking to use the same number of Deputies this year as we did last year. Wildlife and Fisheries sprayed the salvinia in April. We have ordered larger signs for boat ramps for the Lake Rules to be more prominent at the launches. Gary Wyche reported he spoke with Capt Gibson of the Sheriff's Department and he is going to meet with Wildlife and Fisheries on enforcement of the Lake Rules. Marine Patrol has been out writing some tickets

Financial Report:

Financial reports provided by email and copies in binders. No questions or concerns from Board. We have invested some of the Parks assets in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool which has returned a little more than \$3,400 in just under 30 days, also received renewals for Marine Insurance and it reflects an increase in premium of \$3,077 which is approximately a 16% increase overall. We still have approximately 62 Landowners who have not paid fees to date and we will be working to turn these into Office of Debt Recovery at the end of the month.

Non-Action Item:

Announcement: Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District will be accepting applications from attorneys/law firms interested in serving as General Counsel through June 13th 2025.

Comments from Chris Baker, Attorney with Baker Title.

Old Business:

Consideration to move forward with the new Lease for Benton Fire Department to lease land on Black Bayou for Boathouse/Pier.

Motion made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jay Crooks to execute the Lease for land, between Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and the Benton Fire Department, on Black Bayou for pier/boathouse.

Some discussion with Board and Alex Vozzella, Legal Counsel.
Public Comment from Chief J.T. Wallace

Votes were cast, and the motion carried as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Gary Wyche	X		
Kelly Long	X		
Rodney Madden	X		
Jerry Wilhite	X		
Jay Crooks	X		

New Business:

Consideration of “Christmas Drive Through Event” with TNT Lighting.

Motion made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jerry Wilhite to table until next meeting for further information.

Comments made by Judy Hrdlicka, owner TNT Lighting
Some discussion with Board
Votes were cast. Amd the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Gary Wyche requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Kelly Long and seconded by Jerry Wilhite to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Gary Wyche at approximately 5:45 p.m.

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

Kelly Long, Vice President
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &
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