

CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 10th, 2025

A Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, Bossier Parish, Louisiana was held on the 10th day of June, 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 Commssioner, Jerry Wilhite. Roll call by Lisa Free, with members present as follows:

Gary Wyche	Rodney Madden
Kelly Long (Absent)	Jay Crooks
Jerry Wilhite	

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 May 13th, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

CBB Park Report:

John Oswick reported the Memorial Day weekend overall was a success despite rain on Monday with 110 checkins, and 1442 Day Passes sold. The Bayou Chapter of Ozark will be holding a boating safety course for kids on June 21st, and they have also asked if we could install a Kayak launch at the Hwy 162 Boat Launch at a cost of about \$800. The RV and Cabin/Cottages are booking up for the July 4th event, we should be fully booked soon. John has had requests from campers wanting to bring their personal golf carts into the park. We will check with insurance company on liability exposure and procedures.

Financial Report:

Financial reports provided by email and copies in binders. No questions or concerns from Board. The Louisiana Asset Management Pool has returned just under \$5,300 in a little less than 60 days. We still have approximately 60 Landowners who have not paid fees to date and these are being turned into the Office of Debt Recovery. The bond payment for 2025 will be paid June 30th. Day pass sales have increased overall this year compared to last year

Non-Action Item:

Open discussion on the Freedom Fest 4th of July Fireworks Event. Representatives of the Bossier Parish Sheriff Department with Marine Patrol, Benton Fire Department, and Emergency Medical Services discussed the number of people that will be present for the event and discussion on where everyone will be stationed during the event. Also, some discussion on entertainment, and food trucks for the event as well as banners for recognition of sponsors.

Additional discussion on enforcement of Lake Rules and Boating Rules with Bossier Parish Sheriff and Marine Patrol. Some discussion with Landowners on Black Bayou and Cypress Lake concerning new Buoy's and Signs. Marine Patrol stated they had received requests for trash cans at boat launches and that the pot holes in the front of launches be repaired. Some discussion for possible future events.

Comments from Larch Watters, Mike Gibson – Bossier Sheriff, Billy Jones – Marine Patrol, as well as Board members and Christina Thomason – CJ's Grub Shack.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Consideration of and adoption of Resolution 2025-001 adopting the millage rate for the year 2025.

Resolution was read and offered by Gary Wyche. Motion made by Jerry Wilhite and seconded by Rodney Madden to adopt Resolution 2025-001 for the 2025 Millage Rate.

Public Comment was requested with none received.

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		

Adjournment:

Gary Wyche requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Rodney Madden 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 6:05 p.m.

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

Kelly Long, Vice President
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &
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