

CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 08th, 2025

A Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, Bossier Parish, Louisiana was held on the 08th day of July, 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 Vice-President, Kelly Long. Roll call by Lisa Free, with members present as follows:

Gary Wyche	Rodney Madden
Kelly Long	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 Jerry Wilhite and seconded by Jay Crooks to approve the minutes from the June 10th, 2025 Regular Meeting.

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

Motion was made by Jay Crooks and seconded by Kelly Long to approve the minutes from the June 30th Special Meeting.

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

CBB Park Report:

John Oswick reported the July 4th Event and weekend overall was a success despite rain. There were 899 day passes sold with another 300 arriving after 5:00 pm. Revenue for the weekend was \$11,996.48. Kayak launch is being ordered and will be installed at the Hwy 162 launch. Tammy Jernigan with Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society commented on their event held on June 21st for water safety for kids. She also discussed the activities with cleanup, preservation and protection of scenic waterways. Discussed ways they can work with Cypress Black Bayou and install paddle trails on North end of the lake.

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 \$8,193 to date.

Non-Action Item:

Travis Morehart, Cook and Morehart CPAs presented the 2024 Annual Audit. There were no findings and no problems. Budget schedule shows positive ending fund balance. Overall everything looks good.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Non-Agenda Item:

Open discussion on replacement of mowers and park truck. Procedures on purchasing or leasing and using State Contract.

Comments from Board , Travis Morehart, Lisa Free, John Oswick, and Alex Vozzella.
No public comment.

Christina Thomason, CJ's Grub Shack commented on the tentative Flotilla Event for Labor Day weekend.

Tammy Jernigan commented on the Triathlon, they will be providing safety boats for the swim portion and they are putting together some procedures for any possible emergencies.

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 5:30 p.m.

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

Kelly Long, Vice President
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &
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