

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

Special Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2020

A Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, Bossier Parish, Louisiana was held on the 23rd day of September, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., in the Nature Center building, located at 135 Cypress Park Drive, Benton, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Jerry Fowler. The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Mel Allen. Chelle Carroll called the roll, with members present as follows:

Walter Bigby
Jerry Fowler

Mel Allen
Robert Berry

Absent:

Gary Wyche

Others present include Chelle Carroll, Office Administrator for the District; Alex Vozzella, Legal Counsel for the District.

Please see sign-in sheet for members of the public who were also present.

Public Hearing:

Mr. Fowler announced the consideration to levy additional or increased millage for the year 2020 without further voter approval, or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum.

Motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Bigby, to enter into a public hearing.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fowler stated that the Board's intent today was to roll forward to bring the District back to our current 1.56 millage rate. There was public discussion regarding the roll forward process and notice and the potential impact of COVID-19 on ad valorem taxes.

Public comment was requested. Public comments were received from: Mr. Rex Moncrief and Mr. Jeff Sadow.

There being no other public comment cards submitted concerning this agenda item and no public comments received prior to the meeting, the public comment period was closed.

Motion was made by Mr. Bigby, seconded by Mr. Allen, to close the public hearing.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Fowler announced the consideration and adoption of Resolution 2020-004 adopting the adjusted millage rate for the year 2020.

Resolution 2020-004 was read into the meeting.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Resolution 2020-004 is as follows:

The following Resolution was offered by Mr. Allen who moved for its adoption, and seconded by Mr. Bigby at the September 23, 2020 meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District:

**CYPRESS-BLACK BAYOU RECREATION
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-004**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATE FOR
THE YEAR 2020**

WHEREAS, the Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District of Bossier Parish, Louisiana (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana created and existing pursuant to Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, as amended (La. R.S. 38:2601 *et seq.*), and constitutes a special district under Article VI, Section 19 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana 1974;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on September 23, 2020, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and La. R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following adjusted millage rate be and it is hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2020, for the purpose of raising revenue:

Adjusted Millage Rate

Maintenance and Operations	1.510 mills
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Bossier shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to the District in accordance with law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the absence of the duly appointed Secretary of the District, the duly appointed President of the District shall have the authority to certify the above and foregoing Resolution.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full, submitted to a roll call vote, and the Resolution was adopted with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Jerry Fowler, Mel Allen, Walt Bigby, Robert Berry
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Gary Wyche

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this, the 23rd day of September, 2020.

Mr. Fowler announced the consideration and adoption of Resolution 2020-005 setting forth the adjusted millage rate for the year 2020 and rolling forward to a millage rate not exceeding the maximum authorized rate.

Resolution 2020-005 was read into the meeting.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Resolution 2020-005 is as follows:

The following Resolution was offered by Mr. Allen who moved for its adoption, and seconded by Mr. Bigby at the September 23, 2020 meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District:

CYPRESS-BLACK BAYOU RECREATION

**AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-005**

A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATE
FOR THE YEAR 2020 AND ROLLING FORWARD TO A MILLAGE NOT
EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED RATE

WHEREAS, the Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District of Bossier Parish, Louisiana (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana created and existing pursuant to Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, as amended (La. R.S. 38:2601 *et seq.*), and constitutes a special district under Article VI, Section 19 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana 1974;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on September 23, 2020, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and La. R.S. 47:1705(B), that the District voted to increase the millage rate, but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate, on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2020, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate is:

	<u>Adjusted Millage Rate</u>	<u>2020 Levy</u>
Maintenance and Operations	1.510 mills	1.56 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Bossier shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to the District in accordance with law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the absence of the duly appointed Secretary of the District, the duly appointed President of the District shall have the authority to certify the above and foregoing Resolution.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full, submitted to a roll call vote, and the Resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the District's total membership in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and La. R.S. 47:1705(B), with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Jerry Fowler, Mel Allen, Walt Bigby, Robert Berry

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gary Wyche

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this, the 23rd day of September, 2020.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Fowler at approximately 9:24 a.m.

JERRY FOWLER, President
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &
Water Conservation District

GARY WYCHE, Secretary
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &
Water Conservation District