

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023

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 January, 2023, at 4:00 pm., in the Nature Center building, located at 135 Cypress Park Drive, Benton, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Walt Bigby. The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Fowler. Chelle Carroll called the roll, with all members present as follows:

Walter Bigby	Gary Wyche
Jerry Fowler	Robert Berry
Kelly Long	

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.

Motion was made by Mr. Berry, seconded by Ms. Long, to approve the rotation for president of the Board of Commissioners to Mr. Bigby.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried as follows:

	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Gary Wyche	X		
Kelly Long	X		
Jerry Fowler	X		
Robert Berry	X		
Walt Bigby			X

Motion was made by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Wyche to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Berry stated the lakes have been busy with fishermen and that Wildlife and fisheries say the fish counts are good.

Mr. Berry gave an update on the eagle's nest stating that they are sitting on two eggs. You can view the progress of the eagles on YouTube at Metro Aviation Eagle Live Stream.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Bigby announced the consideration of preliminary lease map for lots 37-42 in Water's Edge II subdivision.

Mr. Berry stated this is just a reference point for placement of the boathouses. They would still have to follow the specific sizes listed in their deeds.

Motion was made to approve the preliminary lease map for lots 37-42 in Water's edge II subdivision by Ms. Long and seconded by Mr. Fowler.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bigby announced the consideration of auditor's recommendation to switch banking institutions.

Mr. Berry stated that First National Bank of Benton was being changed over to Home Federal Bank.

Mr. Berry stated that First Guaranty Bank of Benton was recommended for the District.

Motion was made to table switching banking institutions to a later meeting by Mr. Long and seconded by Mr. Wyche.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bigby announced the consideration of policy and procedure for closing the lakes during high water.

Mr. Berry stated that the weather the past few years has left the lakes higher due to run off.

Mr. Berry recommended to close the lakes when the level is one foot six inches above pool stage.

Motion to to table this until the next meeting to be able to write out specific language for the policy was made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Wyche.

Public comment was requested with none received.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Bigby at approximately 4:30 pm.

WALT BIGBY, President
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &
Water Conservation District

KELLY LONG, Secretary
Cypress Black Bayou Recreation &
Water Conservation District