

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Bayou Vermilion District
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana
4:30 pm, August 28, 2019

Call to Order was given by President Keefer. The meeting was called at 4:30 pm.

Roll Call: Given by the Secretary; Natalie Keefer, Kristie Cornell, Ray Landry, Thomas Michot, and Rodney Richard were present. Commissioner John Broussard was absent. There was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: **MOTION:** (T. Michot/R. Landry) Motion to accept the minutes from the July 24, 2019 regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Introduction of Guest(s): Guest: Robert Minyard, Staff: CEO Cheramie, Anne Mahoney, Wesley Davis, Maegan Smith, Marcus Bergeron, Millicent Norbert, Brady McKellar, Shawntell Lewis, Lauren Odom, Curtis Willingham, and Kim Fournet.

Public Comment(s): Robert Minyard is a local real estate developer. Mr. Minyard was recently appointed to the BVD Board by the City-Parish Council and his term begins October 1, 2019.

President's Report: President Keefer reminded the board to complete the self-assessment for accreditation.

Commissioner Catherine Comeaux joined the meeting at 4:37.

Commissioner Don McConnell joined the meeting at 4:38.

CEO's Report: Copies of CEO Cheramie's report and coordinators reports (on file) were e-mailed. CEO reviewed his report. The Lafayette City-Parish Council passed a resolution requesting the assistance of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to apply for and obtain a permit allowing the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to dredge the Vermilion River. Dr. Cheramie requested that BVD be included in all plans concerning dredging, especially those that involve the monitoring of any potential pollution of the bayou.

Commissioner Benjamin Richard joined the meeting at 4:39.

Vermilionville's Boat Parade is Saturday September 28, 2019. I will end at Southside Park this year. Rotary Point will reopen very soon, there are just a few details to finish. The numbers for July are down from last year, both revenues and visitors. President Keefer asked about BVD's policies and procedures used in the termination of a recently terminated employee. CEO Cheramie pointed out that a board meeting was not the place to discuss terminated employees and would be glad to discuss the situation at another time and place.

Marketing/Public Relations: The committee did not meet. Shawntell Lewis handed out the Annual Report for 2018 for BVD.

Finance/Capital: The committee did not meet.

Operations/Bayou/Maintenance: The bid for the BVD Lab went out to bid. Opening of the bids will be October 9, 2019, at 2 pm.

Environmental: The committee did not meet.

Programming/Education/Grants: There was no meeting but many emails to discuss grants.

Curatorial/Acquisitions: The committee did not meet.

Master Plan: The committee did not meet but will set a date for the next meeting.

Budget: The financial analysis comparison for the month ending July 2019 and July 2018 was available for the commissioners' review. The financials are also emailed to the commissioners. There were no questions.

New Business: Commissioner R. Landry asked why the board does not recite the Pledge of Allegiance before our meetings, he would like the board to start doing so.

MOTION: (R. Landry/D. McConnell) to recite the Pledge of Allegiance before meetings. Yeas 6- R. Landry, D. McConnell, R. Richard, B. Richard, N. Keefer, K. Cornell. Nays: 0. Abstentions 2- C. Comeaux, T. Michot. Absent 1- J. Broussard. Motion carried.

Adjournment: **MOTION:** (R. Landry/D. McConnell) Motion to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Natalie Keefer, President

Catherine Comeaux, Secretary