

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Bayou Vermilion District  
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana  
4:30 pm, January 23, 2019

**Call to Order** was given by President Keefer. The meeting was called at 4:31 pm.

**Roll Call:** Given by the Secretary; Rodney Richard, Benjamin Richard, John Broussard, Ray Landry, Don McConnell, Thomas Michot and Natalie Keefer were present. Commissioners Catherine Comeaux and Kristie Cornell were absent. There was a quorum.

**Approval of Minutes:** **MOTION:** (D. McConnell/T. Michot) Motion to accept the minutes from December 19, 2018 public hearing and the December 19, 2018 regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Introduction of Guest(s):** Guest: None. Staff: CEO Cheramie, Emile Ancelet, Lauren Odom, Wesley Davis, Christopher Holland, Shawntell Lewis, Lillian Wimberley, Anne Mahoney, Maegan Smith, Greg Guidroz, Tom Melancon, Brady McKellar, Millicent Norbert and Kim Fournet.

**Public Comment(s):** The Water Quality Department (Emile, Lauren, Wesley and Christopher) presented a Power Point presentation to the board which they had prepared for the DEQ. Water Quality Department has a contract with DEQ to inspect the septic tanks in Lafayette Parish, the presentation showed many aspects of their work. The Water Quality Department strives to improve the water quality of Bayou Vermilion District. Create and control viable economic development and enhance condition of the Bayou. Focusing on education and an outreach campaign for parish residents. Septic system compliance is voluntary at the moment. The ultimate goal is primary contact on the bayou. Bayou Ops picks up trash and debris out of the river, Water Quality inspects septic tanks and Environmental Awareness educates.

**President's Report:** President Keefer asked the commissioners to let her know on what committees they would like to serve. Benjamin Richard asked to be the chair for the Operations/Bayou/ Maintenance committee.

**CEO's Report:** Copies of CEO Cheramie's report and coordinators reports (on file) were e-mailed. CEO reviewed his report. International visitors to LA are at an all-time high. Vermilionville would like to start a French Film Series in addition to Les Vues series. The total revenues are up from this time last year and the total expenses are down, our goal is to keep this trend for the year. The Rotary Point project is set to be completed in early April. The plans for the Water Quality is moving albeit, slowly.

**Marketing/Public Relations:** The committee did not meet.

**Finance/Capital:** The committee did not meet.

**Operations/Bayou/Maintenance:** The committee did not meet.

**Environmental:** The committee did not meet. A press release is scheduled for Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 for the public to be introduced to the Rocket Composter.

**Programming/Education/Grants:** The committee did not meet. President Keefer will be meeting with Brady soon.

**Curatorial/Acquisitions:** The committee did not meet this month but have a meeting scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Master Plan:** The committee did not meet but will meet February 6<sup>th</sup> at CC's Coffee House.

**Budget:** The financial analysis comparison for the month ending December 2018 was available for the commissioners' review. CEO covered the month of January earlier.

**New Business:** There was no new business.

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

/s/ Natalie Keefer  
Natalie Keefer, President

/s/ Catherine Comeaux  
Catherine Comeaux, Secretary