

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Bayou Vermilion District
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana
4:30 pm, July 24, 2019

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

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

Approval of Minutes: **MOTION:** (C. Comeaux/R. Landry) Motion to accept the minutes from the June 26, 2019 regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Introduction of Guest(s): Guest: Powell Royall, concerned citizen. Staff: CEO Cheramie, Brady McKellar, Shawntell Lewis, Wesley Davis, Emile Ancelet, Millicent Norbert, Maegan Smith, Greg Guidroz, and Kim Fournet.

Public Comment(s): There were no public comments.

President's Report: Vice President Richard had no report.

CEO's Report: Copies of CEO Cheramie's report and coordinators reports (on file) were e-mailed. CEO reviewed his report. Hurricane Barry was not as bad as feared. Staff worked to secure and protect all properties. CEO will be attending a meeting July 26th, at LCG Conference Room, to discuss the cleaning of coulees, especially Coulee Mine. Liz Hebert called the meeting and a representative from the Sheriff's Office will be there. BVD and the Sheriff's Office work together to clean the Band-A-Long, Sheriff's Department supply the equipment and some personal and BVD supplies some personal and pays for the dumping of the trash. BVD has received many calls and questions related to this issue. Much discussion followed concerning the cleaning of the coulees and river, and what BVD can do to insure it is done correctly. Tom Melancon and crew are busy cleaning the river after Hurricane Barry, downed trees and trash. The Restaurant will be terminating our agreement with Waitr, August 26, 2019. Waitr has increased their charge for restaurants doing less than \$1,000, per month. The revenues for June 2019 were down from June 2018. This is mainly due to a decrease in Food & Beverage's Special Events. Programming did increase their revenue a bit. Attendance was up from last year.

Marketing/Public Relations: Commissioners Landry and Comeaux met with staff Tom Melancon, Lauren Odom, Shawntell Lewis and Charissa Helluin to discuss the concerns and issues with BVD's image in relation to the river and coulees. The committee is working on a campaign "BVD-Free from Debris". This campaign is to inform the public what BVD does to clean the river and what citizens can do to help keep the river clean.

Finance/Capital: The committee did not meet.

Operations/Bayou/Maintenance: Commissioners B. Richard, Landry and R. Richard met with Curtis Willingham to discuss the BVD Lab. The building plans are in the last 5% of completion and should go out to bid in early August. Commissioner R. Richard asked employees to no longer sent requests or suggestions to the architect. The committee also wanted to know about the new tour boat. Brady McKellar informed the board that the new tour boat is used for larger groups touring the river. Also, the boat cannot go out if the river is above 8.5 feet or under 5 feet. It was used every week of

Vermilionville's Summer Camp. Commissioner B. Richard will meet with Anne Mahoney in August to go over her responsibilities concerning the buildings in the village.

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. Magen Smith asked the board to complete a survey within the next week.

Master Plan: The committee did not meet.

Budget: The financial analysis comparison for the month ending June 2019 and June 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 the board about a grant the town of Scott had received, much discussion followed.

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

Natalie Keefer, President

Catherine Comeaux, Secretary