

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Bayou Vermilion District
Held by ZOOM at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana
4:30 pm, September 23, 2020

Call to Order was given by President Michot. The meeting was called at 4:33 pm. The BVD meeting is on ZOOM because of COVID-19. Adhering to Governor's Proclamation, following mandate and guidance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Given by the Secretary: Commissioners Thomas Michot, Catherine Comeaux Calvin Leger, David Eaton, Holden Hoggatt, Don McConnell, Kristie Cornell, and Jason Sullivan were on Zoom. Commissioner Jennifer Farr was absent. There was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: **MOTION:** (C. Comeaux/H. Hoggatt) Motion to accept the minutes, as written, from September 2, 2020 regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Introduction of Guest(s): Guest: Gary McGoffin, Attorney; Ian Beamish, VLHMF Liaison; Michael Lunsford, Richard Fournet, and Sam, concerned citizens. Staff: CEO Cherie, Anne Mahoney, Maegan Smith, Charissa Helluin, Millicent Norbert, Brady McKellar, Melanie Harrington, Marcus Bergeron, Jamie Dupuis, and Kim Fournet

Public Comment(s): There were no public comments

President's Report:

A. Board Orientation

All board members should have received link to the board handbook with an orientation packet signature page. Every member needs to read through all the material, sign the page and returned signed page to President Michot. CEO and President Michot will work on setting dates where each board member can have a in person orientation of the village, bayou ops and the river. Commissioner Comeaux reminded the board that the Bayou Vermilion Festival and Boat Parade are scheduled for Saturday September 26.

B. Officer Elections Announcement

This is Commissioner Comeaux's last meeting, and the Vice President seat will be vacated. **MOTION:** (D. Eaton/C. Leger) move the election of a vice president to the October meeting when all new members are present. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. By-Laws Update

Commissioner Eaton would like a red line copy of the amended by-laws to compare with the old by-laws.

D. Vermilionville Living History Museum Foundation Liaison Rotation Schedule

President Michot sent out the schedule to each commissioner earlier. Commissioner Leger pointed out that BVD commissioners are at the VLHMF meetings to observe, possibly contribute if needed and report by to the BVD board. The VLHMF meetings are not public.

E. Committee Assignments

President Michot sent out the committee assignments to each commissioner earlier. He requested that all committees meet before the October meeting. All committee meetings are public and should have notice posted on the building.

CEO Report:

A. Watershed Lab and Exhibit Building Progress Report

There have been some issues with the new building. The first one is an issue with one of the steel beams that will have to be replaced. The second is the tie-in to the fire hydrant. The third

was an error in the foundation pour that has the outboard columns of the building out of plumb by 2"-3". Commissioner J. Sullivan explained the remedies for the first and third. The construction crew will have to verify the size of the existing water line to the fire hydrant.

B. I-49 Connector Design Workshop

The discussion was focused on spending money on addressing the detrimental effects of overpass/underpass neighborhood blight instead of being spent on a signature bridge.

There are several workshops in October; Environmental Effects; Bicycle/Pedestrian Walkway and Connective Areas.

The Bayou Vermilion Festival and Boat Parade annual event will be taking place on Saturday, September 26

C. Phase 3 Report

The only benefit for BVD being in Phase 3, is a few more tables can be used in the restaurant. There is still no dancing allowed.

Committee Reports

Marketing/Public Relations: The committee did not meet. Commissioner Leger plans on meeting in October

Finance/Capital/Budget: The committee did not meet. The financial analysis comparison for the month ending August 2020 and August 2019 and the financials were emailed to the commissioners. CEO Cheramie made note of August's revenues and expenses.

Environmental/Bayou Ops: The committee did not meet. Commissioner Sullivan will be attending the weekly building meetings and report to the board.

Education/Programming/Grants: The committee did not meet.

Curatorial/Acquisitions: The committee did not meet.

New Business:

A. President Michot read **Resolution 2020-02** to the board at 0.8 ad valorem tax and .12 debt service. **MOTION:** (C. Comeaux/D. McConnell) To adopt the resolution. A vote was called for by the president: (4) yeas: T. Michot, C. Comeaux, K. Cornell, D. McConnell; (4) nays: C. Leger, H. Hoggatt, J. Sullivan, D. Eaton; (0) abstained and (1) absent: J. Farr. Resolution 2020-02 failed due to a tie.

President Michot read new **Resolution 2020-02** to the board at .75 ad valorem tax and .17 debt service. **MOTION:** (D. Eaton/H. Hoggatt) To adopt the resolution. A substitute **MOTION:** (D. Eaton/C. Leger) to adopt the resolution at .79 ad valorem tax and .10 debt service. A vote on the substitute motion was called for by the president: (6) yeas: C. Leger, D. Eaton, C. Comeaux, T. Michot, J. Sullivan, D. McConnell; (1) nay: H. Hoggatt; (0) abstained and (1) absent: J. Farr. Resolution 2020-02 was adopted on September 23, 2020.

B. President asked the board to change the meeting dates for November and December due to the holidays. November 25, 2020 to November 18, 2020 and December 23, 2020 to December 16, 2020. **MOTION:** (D. McConnell/D. Eaton) to change the proposed meeting dates. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

/S/ Thomas Michot
Thomas Michot, President

/s/ Kristie Cornell
~~Jennifer Farr~~, Secretary
Kristie Cornell

