

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Bayou Vermilion District
Held by ZOOM at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana
4:00 pm, October 27, 2020

Call to Order was given by President Michot. The meeting was called at 4:01 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, Calvin Leger, David Eaton, Holden Hoggatt, Don McConnell, Mark Wiltz, and Jason Sullivan were on Zoom. Commissioner Kristie Cornell was absent. There was a quorum.

Introduction of Guest(s): Guest: Christine Dunn, CPA with Wright, Moore, DeHart, Dupuis, and Hutchinson, LLC (WMDDH); Deidre Stock with Kolder, Slaven, and Company, LLC; Clair Taylor, Deborah Simeral, Kate Durio, Nathan Stubbs, Phyllis Mouton. Staff: CEO Cherie, Millicent Norbert, Marcus Bergeron, Jamie Dupuis, Melissa Bastien, Melanie Harrington, Charissa Helluin, and Kim Fournet.

Appointment of Independent Auditing Firm Carr, Riggs and Ingram:

Commissioner D. Eaton explained to the board that with so many new members there should be an independent audit, so everyone starts on a clean slate, understand all finances and all is in order. To put the best foot forward for BVD and Vermilionville.

MOTION: (D. Eaton/M. Wiltz) to open discussion to hire the firm Carr, Riggs, and Ingram for an independent audit.

President Michot questioned getting another independent audit. The firm of WMDDH does an independent audit every year, the one for 2019 was just completed. Christine Dunn with WMDDH explained the process of the annual audit, which follows Louisiana Legislature Statutes. There is a letter of intent signed every year between BVD and WMDDH. Personnel from WMDDH audit financial statements, bank statements, BVD invoices and payments. The firm of Kolder, Slaven and Company (KSC) do the monthly reports, bank statements, issues payable checks, payroll checks. KSC sends a financial presentation and budget report to CEO every month, who sends it to board members. WMDDH sends the audit to the Legislature Auditor for their review and approval. President Michot asked what funds would pay for a new audit? Why get another one when one was just completed. Commissioner H. Hoggatt would like a stand-alone, independent audit for the new board members.

Public questions included how the audit would be paid, did new members have a connection with the firm Carr, Riggs and Ingram, did new members what to fire staff. Commissioner Eaton assured the public that there was no intention to fire anyone and this new audit was to get everyone on the same page. Commissioner H. Hoggatt wants to know where the taxpayer money is being spent.

MOTION: (D. Eaton/H. Hoggatt) to vote to engage Carr, Riggs and Ingram audit firm to conduct an independent audit of BVD.

Yeas: 5 H. Hoggatt, D. Eaton, J. Sullivan, C. Leger, M. Wiltz

Nays: 2 T. Michot, D. McConnell

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 K. Cornell

Motion carried.

Adjournment: MOTION: (D. Eaton/M. Wiltz) Motion to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Thomas Michot, President

Kristie Cornell, Secretary