

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Bayou Vermilion District
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana
4:30 pm, August 24, 2022

Call to Order was given by President Eaton. The meeting was called at 4:50 pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Given by the Secretary: Commissioners David Eaton, Karen Hail, Shelly Maturin, II; Holden Hoggatt, Roxanne Bourque, Phyllis Mouton, and Samuel Oliver were present. Commissioner Calvin Leger was absent. There was a quorum.

Guest(s): Guests: Ryan Goude Locke, BVD attorney; Fabian Patin, Christie Dunn, CPA with Wright, Moore, DeHart, Dupuis, and Hutchinson, LLC. Staff: Brady McKellar, Curtis Willingham, and Kim Fournet.

Approval of Minutes: President Eaton asked if there were any questions, changes, or issues with the minutes as written from the July 27, 2022, meeting. There were none.

MOTION: (S. Oliver/P. Moton) to accept minutes as written. All commissioners present were in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment(s): Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. There were no public comments at this time.

President's Report: President Eaton commented that the Strategic Plan meeting went well, and he will send out the draft from Emergent Method for the commissioners to review.

Board Reports from Staff:

Brady McKellar noted that Acadian Culture Day was a success, and the attendance was only 5% less than the ACD in 2019. The Boat Parade is scheduled for September 24, 2022. Curtis Willingham informed the board that another A/C, this one in the restaurant, needed to be replaced. This A/C unit was 28 years old. The river crew is cleaning the river when it is possible in between thunderstorms.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee: The committee did not meet.

Finance Committee: The committee did not meet.

Bayou Operations and Development Committee: The committee did not meet.

Vermilionville Operations Committee: The committee did not meet.

Grants Committee: The committee did not meet

Discussion Items

- A. Ms. Dunn distributed a copy of the December 31, 2021, audit report and a required letter addressed to the Board. About the audit report: the firm had an unmodified opinion, which means that everything is in order. Ms. Dunn presented several statements concerning the operations of the Bayou Vermilion District that ensure it complies. General Fund revenues are mostly ad valorem driven. In regard to Vermilionville revenues, BVD is working very hard to keep the revenues as high as possible and being proactive on making necessary changes to help with revenues and expenditures. There was a need for a Management Letter due to the fact the BVD had to file the audit late and some old outstanding checks. Wright, Moore, DeHart, Dupuis and Hutchinson, LLC submitted the audit report to the Legislative Auditor within the extended deadline. The board accepted the report and findings presented by Ms. Dunn from Wright, Moore, DeHart, Dupuis and Hutchinson, LLC.

New Business (ACTION ITEMS)

A. A resolution of the Bayou Vermilion District to adopt the ad valorem tax millage rates on all property subject to ad valorem taxation in the Parish of Lafayette for 2021.

Adopt Millage Rates of .79 for Ad Valorem Tax and .10 for Capital Debt Service.

President Eaton read resolution 2022-02. **MOTION:** (S. Oliver/R. Bourque) to vote on the Ad Valorem Tax. The vote was (7) yeas, D. Eaton, K. Hail, S. Maturin, S. Oliver, P. Mouton, H. Hoggatt, R. Bourque. There were (0) nays, (0) abstentions, (1) absent, C. Leger. Resolution 2022-02 was adopted on August 24, 2022.

B. Change meeting dates for November and December from November 23, 2022, to November 16, 2022, and December 28, 2022, to December 21, 2022.

MOTION: (S. Oliver/R. Bourque) to table changing the meeting dates until the September meeting, some commissioners had conflicts with the new dates. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Concerned citizen requests handicap accessible portable toilet at Rotary Point.

MOTION: (S. Oliver/H. Hoggatt) to add to the agenda discussion about park ownership and liability. All were in favor. Motion carried. At the July meeting, the board discussed have a CEA with the LCG concerning the parks BVD maintains, and the Parish owns. There is new development scheduled along the river connecting Rotary Point and Pontiac Point, perhaps this is a good time for the LCG to install portable toilets. President Eaton would like to meet with John Guilbeau to discuss documents at UL concerning Rotary Point. **MOTION:** (H. Hoggatt/S. Maturin) to table handicap accessible portable toilet at Rotary Point and task Ryan Goudelocke with a CEA between BVD and LCG. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment: **MOTION:** (S. Maturin/H. Hoggatt) Motion to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

David Eaton, President

Shelly Maturin, II , Secretary