

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Bayou Vermilion District
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana
4:30 pm, October 26, 2022

Call to Order was given by President Eaton. The meeting was called at 4:32 pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Guest(s): Guests: Ryan Goudelocke, BVD attorney; Councilman Glenn Lazard, David Pierce, News 15. 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 September 28, 2022, meeting. There were none.

MOTION: (H. Hoggatt/S. Oliver) 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 discussed that the BVPA decided to refrain from financially supporting the Ti' Fer canoe launch and park project for this year but funds will be available at a later date.

Board Reports from Staff:

The Bayou Ops crew will need 3 new boat motors in 2023, Curtis Willingham is getting cost estimates to help plan for the 2023 budget. Commissioner Hail asked if the water quality report could explain the technical aspects in the report in laymen's terms. Brady McKellar reported on the Boo Bayou and Murder on the Bayou events that took place this past weekend. He introduced the new Curator, Marinda Belk. She gave a brief history of her education and job experiences. Her major concern going forward is proper inventorying.

Commissioner Hoggatt left the meeting at 4:55.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee: The committee meet. President Eaton discussed the items covered at the executive meeting and will send out the minutes soon.

Finance Committee: The committee did not meet but Commissioner Hail met with staff to go over the 3rd quarter financials.

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

Vermilionville Operations Committee: The committee did not meet.

Grants Committee: The committee will be blended into the VV Ops Committee.

Discussion Items:

A. 3rd Quarter Financial Report

Commissioner Hail reported to the board that the administrative staff had cut expenses to the bone and were working hard to improve revenues. Commissioner Hail handed out a report comparing September 2022 to the three previous years. At this time, BVD looks to be on track for a break-even year or a small profit.

Commissioner Bourque joined the meeting at 5:15.

B. BVD's Fiduciary Responsibilities with Regard to the Foundation

Attorney Goudelocke explained that all demands and requests put to the foundation includes all grant monies and any other monies donated to the foundation for accession to the BVD. The foundation is not accepting the documents they requested by BVD that were sent to them. The BVD has done everything possible except suing the foundation, which is not recommended, to recover the monies in question. The foundation could turn over donated monies, with specific directions for it use to the BVD.

New Business (ACTION ITEMS)

A. Executive Director Job Description

Commissioners did not or were not able to join the Google link to add their comments. The deadline is November 6, 2022. The executive committee will meet to discuss the comments/revisions.

B. Updated Personnel Manual

MOTION: (K. Hail/S. Oliver) to accept the updated Personnel Manual that staff and HR attorney Vicky Bowers worked on and submitted to the board. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. The International Center has been charged with organizing a year-long celebration to observe the **bicentennial of the founding of Lafayette Parish**, which took place January 17, 1823. The BVD has been invited to participate. (Calvin Leger)

Brady met with Sami Parbhoo, with the International Center and brainstormed the many options and events where BVD can incorporate this celebration.

There will be no Native American Culture Day this year.

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

David Eaton, President

Shelly Maturin, II , Secretary