

Minutes of the Bayou Vermilion District Executive Committee
Monday, September 11, 2023 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Karen Hail. Followed by an invocation and the pledge of alliance.

Members present Karen Hail, Shelly Maturin and Sam Oliver
Guests: Ryan Goude-lock, Brady McKellar, Stephen Broussard and Kim Fournet.

Stephen Broussard reported on the following:

A meeting with Whitney Broussard, Senior Environmental Scientist with Freese and Nichols, Inc. a civil engineering firm. Whitney Broussard is familiar with the Teche Vermilion Watershed and he as well as Freese and Nichols has extensive experience in developing a Master Plan. The cost estimate for a master plan similar to the current master plan is \$300,000 - \$500,000 and will take 1 to 1 ½ years. He further stated that grants are available and will require a match from BVD.

Sam Oliver recommended as we move forward a procurement process be recommended such as an RFP and that we seek proposals to more than one company for the master plan.

Parc T Fere is progressing with BVPA requesting a grant from HDR Engineering for the proposed dock and improvements.

Stephen has met with individuals interested in placing canoes and kayaks at all BVD docks. The canoes and kayaks are locked on a self-service rack. They can also be returned at multiple sites along the river. He will gather more information before advising or recommending to the board.

The BVD rain garden is under review and a plan has been made to make this an educational opportunity.

Sam Oliver advised that he spoke to Ben Berthelot, President of Lafayette Travel. Ben requested that BVD continue to seek and actively pursue recreational opportunities along the Vermilion.

Ryan Goude-lock presented a draft document for the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Lafayette Consolidated Government and Rotary regarding properties and or improvements that BVD has made on property owned by City of Lafayette and or Lafayette Parish. Ryan stated that the primary purpose of addressing this in a CEA is to provide risk management, document the resolution process with LCG and Rotary, and agree to a procedure for management of each site.

