Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of the Bayou Vermilion District Board Held at Bayou Vermilion District Conference Room, 300 Fisher Road, Lafayette, LA 4:30 p.m., January 31, 2024

## MINUTES:

- I. Call to Order
  - The call to order was given by President Hail at 4:32
- II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call

The Secretary gave the roll call: Commissioners Karen Hail, Shelly Maturin, II, Sam Oliver, Dave Dixon, Roxanne Bourque, and Barry Ancelet were present. Commissioner David Eaton was absent. There was a quorum.

- IV. Introduction of All Guests and Public Comments (limit 3 minutes)
   Guests: Vincent Pierre, with the Mayor/President office, Deidre Stock, CPA with Kolder, Slaven, Ryan Goudelocke, BVD attorney.
   Staff: Stephen Broussard, Brady McKellar, Curtis Willingham, and Kim Fournet.
   Mr. Pierre introduced himself to the board of directors. He is the Municipal and Constituent Services advisor to the Mayor/President.
- V. Minutes of the Board Meeting, December 20, 2023, and Public Hearing Notice for the Budget December 20, 2023

**MOTION**: (S. Oliver/B. Ancelet) to accept the minutes from the December 20, 2023, BVD board meeting as written. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**MOTION**: (S. Oliver/S. Maturin) to accept the minutes from the December 20, 2023, Public Hearing for the 2023 amended budget and the 2024 proposed budget. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- VI. President's Report: Karen
  - President Hail report on the state of Bayou Vermilion District. She noted the accomplishments and lessons learned. Positive earnings for the past 3 years. Cash on hand. An Executive Director was hired. Implementation of Strategic Plan and making progress. Developed a Task Force for Water Quality. Working on a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with LCG regarding property BVD helps maintain but does not own. Lessons learned is aware of Cyber Fraud and its prevention. Open Meeting Requirements. Having Board engagement.
- VII. Financials End of Year 2023, Deidre Stock
  Ms. Stock presented and reviewed the yearend Financial Statements. She discussed the improvements BVD had made and suggestions for 2024. Everything was in budget.
- VIII. Executive Director Report: Stephen ED Broussard reviewed his monthly report. Strategic action items-Staffing/Operations, Economic Development, Funding/Fundraising, and forming a 501c3.
- IX. Board Reports from Staff: Brady and Curtis

Brady McKellar report covered the admissions and revenues for the year. Brady discussed improving the education for school groups and people interested in the environment at BVD. Reaching out to local entities to be a part of these programs. Curtis Willingham gave a brief review of improvements to BVD and Maintenance's plans for 2024.

- Committee Reports; Executive, Water Quality, Capital Improvements and Facilities, X. Programming, Economic Development There were no committee meetings this month.
- XI. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with LCG and Rotary, Status of Agreement: Ryan Mr. Goudelocke reported that with the administrative changes at LCG's legal department, the CEA will have to be reassigned.
- Nominations for Board Officers for Election at February's Meeting XII. MOTION: (S. Oliver/B. Ancelet) to nominate Karen Hail for President. All were in favor. There were no other nominations for President.

MOTION: (B. Ancelet/R. Foote) to nominate Samuel Oliver for Vice President. All were in favor. There were no other nominations for Vice President.

MOTION: (S. Oliver/B. Ancelet) to nominate Ruth Foote for Secretary. All were in favor. There were no other nominations for Secretary.

The elections for Board Officers will be at the February meeting.

XIII. Adjournment

MOTION: (S. Maturin/R. Bourque) to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting

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**Upcoming Dates:** Next BVD meeting February 28, 2024

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