

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Bayou Vermilion District  
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana  
4:30 pm, December 18, 2019

**Call to Order** was given by President Pro Temp Comeaux. The meeting was called at 4:30 pm.

**Roll Call:** Given by the Secretary: Catherine Comeaux, Thomas Michot, Ray Landry, Robert Minyard, Don McConnell and Calvin Leger were present. Commissioners Kristie Cornell was absent. There was a quorum.

**Approval of Minutes:** **MOTION:** (T. Michot/R. Minyard) Motion to accept the minutes from the November 20, 2019 regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Introduction of Guest(s):** Guests: Deborah Simeral and Marissa Petrou, both representing the VLHMF. Staff: CEO Cheramie, Wesley Davis, Anne Mahoney, Brady McKellar, Marcus Bergeron, Greg Guidroz, Shawntell Lewis, Maegan Smith, Millicent Norbert, and Kim Fournet.

**Public Comment(s):** There were no public comments.

Commissioner Jennifer Farr joined the meeting at 4:34.

**President's Report:** There was no President's report.

**CEO's Report:** Copies of CEO Cheramie's report and coordinators reports (on file) were e-mailed to the commissioners. CEO reviewed his report. Greg Guidroz is leaving BVD, he has accepted the position of Recycling Coordinator for Lafayette Parish. He will be under Bess Foret and over Catherine Comeaux.

The budget, which is on the dais, was just approved. Southside Bulkhead was damaged, one piling was pulled away. The insurance company was called and the bulkhead will be repaired. The insurance will be investing the accident. CEO Cheramie attended the Louisiana Watershed Initiative meeting and the steering committee meeting. The gist of the meeting was to go over what kinds of projects are eligible to apply for parts of the \$1.2 billion in HUD funding. November was better than 2018, the deficit is mainly due to less special events.

**Marketing/Public Relations:** The committee did not meet.

**Finance/Capital:** The committee did not meet.

**Operations/Bayou/Maintenance:** The committee did not meet. Commissioner R. Landry asked to be the chair of this committee.

**Environmental:** The committee did not meet.

**Curatorial/Acquisitions:** The committee did not meet.

**Master Plan:** The committee did not meet.

**Budget:** Discussed earlier.

**New Business:** The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is April 1, 2020. Both boards and staff are working to make this event successful. The Foundation Board will send out information packets. A video of the history of Vermilionville is being developed. Billy Nungesser will be the keynote speaker.

**Election of Officers.** Ray Landry nominated Robert Minyard for president and Thomas Michot nominated Catherine Comeaux. Commissioner Comeaux was appreciative of the

nomination but felt she could not invest the necessary time to do the job properly. There were no other nominees. (D. McConnell/R. Landry) asked for R. Minyard to be elected by acclamation, all were in favor. Nomination for Vice President Thomas Michot (D. McConnell/R. Minyard), there were no other nominations. A vote by acclamation was agreed by the board. Nominations for secretary, Catherine Comeaux (T. Michot /D. McConnell), there were no other nominations. A vote by acclamation was agreed by the board. The 2020 officers are for BVD are President: Robert Minyard, Vice-President: Thomas Michot and Secretary: Catherine Comeaux.

President Minyard discussed with the board the possibility of him having video bingo at his businesses. The owners of the machines split their earnings with non-profits. He and Debra Simeral along with BVD's CPA, are looking into the legality of the Foundation accepting these monies.

**Adjournment:** MOTION: (R. Minyard/R. Landry) Motion to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

/s/ Robert Minyard  
Robert Minyard, President

/s/ Catherine Comeaux  
Catherine Comeaux, Secretary