

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Bayou Vermilion District
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana
4:30 pm, February 27, 2019

Call to Order was given by President Keefer. The meeting was called at 4:31 pm.

Roll Call: Given by the Secretary; Rodney Richard, Ray Landry, Thomas Michot, Catherine Comeaux, Kristie Cornell and Natalie Keefer were present. Commissioner Benjamin Richard was absent. There was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: **MOTION:** (R. Richard/R. Landry) Motion to accept the minutes from the January 23, 2019 regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner John Broussard joined the meeting at 4:33.

Introduction of Guest(s): Guest: None. Staff: CEO Cheramie, Emile Ancelet, Lauren Odom, Wesley Davis, Shawntell Lewis, Anne Mahoney, Greg Guidroz, Tom Melancon, Brady McKellar, Millicent Norbert and Kim Fournet.

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

President's Report: President Keefer she would make her report during the committee reports. Tom Melancon reminded the commissioners about the tour of the river on March 18th at 10:00am.

Commissioner Don McConnell joined the meeting at 4:35.

CEO's Report: Copies of CEO Cheramie's report and coordinators reports (on file) were e-mailed. CEO reviewed his report. CEO reported that Curtis Willingham and he would have a pre-construction meeting with Whit Rankin and Coastal Construction tomorrow at 3:00. BVD will begin presenting a French Film series in March, it will be on the third Wednesday of each month. Don McConnell and his wife will be housing the French student from mid-May to June 6th. Brady McKellar reported that the Courir/Mange event was a huge success. There were 850 visitors and revenues of \$13,000. January 2019 had an increase in revenues over January 2018 with a decrease in visitors.

Marketing/Public Relations: The committee did not meet.

Finance/Capital: The committee did not meet.

Operations/Bayou/Maintenance: Commissioner R. Richard informed the board that the plans for the Water Quality Lab is on hold while Spec Engineering review the new elevation of the building. The elevation requirements has dropped 2 feet with the new flood maps. CEO approved continuing with the new engineering group. Whit Rankin has made two designs for the bridge crossing the pond.

Environmental: The committee did not meet. Emile Ancelet discussed the sewer inspections and water testing sites.

Programming/Education/Grants: The committee did not meet.

Curatorial/Acquisitions: The committee meet to discuss changing the Vermilionville Mission Statement. CEO explained to the board that for the Water Quality and Environmental Departments to secure larger grants they need a 501(c) (3). The Foundation is a 501(c) (3) and supports Vermilionville's Mission Statement.

Vermilionville's statement does not mention the aforementioned departments. Several commissioners requested more information including the current mission statement, so they could compare the two. The Curatorial Department would also like a firm mission statement for the accreditation process. Much discussion followed. The committee will gather send out the information requested and possibly vote on the change at the March meeting.

Master Plan: The committee did meet and are compiling a spread sheet.

Budget: The financial analysis comparison for the month ending January 2019 was available for the commissioners' review. CEO covered the month of January earlier.

New Business: Greg Guidroz reminded the commissioners that Trash Bash is April 6th.

Adjournment: **MOTION:** (D. McConnell/J. Broussard) Motion to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

/s/ Natalie Keefer
Natalie Keefer, President

/s/ Catherine Comeaux
Catherine Comeaux, Secretary