

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Bayou Vermilion District
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana
4:30 pm, May 22, 2019

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

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

Approval of Minutes: **MOTION:** (C. Comeaux/R. Landry) Motion to accept the minutes from the April 24, 2019 regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Introduction of Guest(s): Guest: None Staff: CEO Cheramie, Shawntell Lewis, Maegan Smith, Anne Mahoney, Greg Guidroz, Millicent Norbert, Brady McKellar, Wesley Davis, Emile Ancelet, Sarala Gautam (Water Quality Intern) Curtis Willingham, and Kim Fournet.

Public Comment(s): There were no public comments

President's Report: Vice President had no report but commented that during the Curatorial Committee, the board would address the questions Anne Mahoney sent out to them.

CEO's Report: Copies of CEO Cheramie's report and coordinators reports (on file) were e-mailed. CEO reviewed his report. CEO reported that the Evangeline Thruway Redevelopment Team (ETRT) has two projects that concern BVD. The ETRT group is different from the I-49 Innovative. The project to cross the Vermilion with a walk bridge is of great concern to BVD. There is one thought to join a foot/bicycle bridge to the existing Surrey Street Bridge. There is another option to put the bridge into Vermilionville's parking lot. Board members would like input as to where the bridge goes. The repairs at Rotary Point are going slowly because of the high river stage. BVD's new media consulting company is Burning Stick. The April revenues are higher than last year with fewer visitors.

Marketing/Public Relations: The committee did not meet.

Finance/Capital: The committee did not meet.

Operations/Bayou/Maintenance: The committee met in March with Curtis to discuss his responsibilities concerning the houses/buildings in the village. The committee will meet with Anne Mahoney to discuss what her responsibilities are concerning the houses/buildings in the village. BVD is hoping to have the Water Quality Lab project out to bid in the next few months. Lynn Guidry would like to meet to address some issues.

Environmental: The committee did not meet. Commissioner Michot briefly discussed Emile Ancelet's report. Emile and Greg are applying for several grants.

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

Curatorial/Acquisitions: The committee did not meet. Anne explained the need for the Vision Statement questions being answered to help with the accreditation process. Ms. Mahoney would like for each of the commissioners to give their vision of what they want for the success of Vermilionville in the future. The commissioners were confused with the questions. Commissioner R. Landry had many issues in regards to the questions sent out by Ms. Mahoney. From Commissioner Landry's point of view Vermilionville is successful. Another way to look at the statement would be to ask "What would happen to

Lafayette, USA, and even the world if BVD had to shut down. How is BVD changing the world with its success?" Much discussion followed.

Master Plan: The committee met and concluded to assess the old master plan and not rewrite it. The goal is to have a presentation for the Plan Lafayette in 2020.

Budget: The financial analysis comparison for the month ending April 2019 and April 2018 was available for the commissioners' review. The financials are also emailed to the commissioners. CEO Cheramie made note of April's revenues.

New Business: Vice President complimented the success of the first annual Brew Ha Ha. Many participants wanted it expanded next year.

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

Natalie Keefer, President

Catherine Comeaux, Secretary