

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Bayou Vermilion District
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana
4:30 pm, April 27, 2022

Call to Order was given by President Eaton. The meeting was called at 4:32 pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Given by the Secretary: Commissioners David Eaton, Karen Hail, Shelly Maturin, II; Calvin Leger, Phyllis Mouton, Roxanne Bourque, and Samuel Oliver were present. Commissioner Holden Hoggatt was absent. There was a quorum.

Guest(s): Guests: Ryan Goudelocke, BVD attorney; Glenn Lazard, Lafayette City Council, and Claire Taylor, Acadiana Advocate. Staff: Brady McKellar, Curtis Willingham, and Kim Fournet.

Approval of Minutes: President Eaton asked if there were any questions, changes, or issues with the minutes as written from the March 23, 2022, meeting. There were none.

MOTION: (P. Mouton/S. Maturin) to accept minutes as written. All commissioners present were in favor. Motion carried.

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

President's Report: President Eaton is working on several issues at the moment, from BVD's properties to insurance. There was much discussion about properties BVD owns and/or maintains. BVD should have a CEA on all properties it maintains. The new commissioners were brought up to date about the many elements, activities, and plans for BVD.

Board Reports from Staff: Brady McKellar and staff are working on increasing revenues and reducing costs. There has been positive feedback for the new Marketing Director, Ellen Fucich. The Ducks Unlimited event was well received. BVD staff is looking into the feasibility of having a satellite distillery.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee: The committee did not meet but will soon. The topics that will be covered are Rotary Point, ownership, and insurance responsibilities. Beaver Park's wooden dock. Other parks BVD owns and/or maintains. BVD should have a CEA with each of the park entities. Dates to meet with the Emergent Group. The New Master Plan and Strategic Plan.

Finance Committee: The committee met. The committee reviewed the 1st quarter budget and discussed the 5% variances. There are no adjustments necessary at this time. Commissioner Hail would like to have suggestions from staff and Deidre Stock for spending the remaining \$18,839.06, in the Capital Projects Fund.

Bayou Operations and Development Committee: The committee did not meet.

Vermilionville Operations Committee: The committee did not meet.

Grant Committee: The committee did not meet

Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

New Business

A. Presentation by Ryan Goudelocke

1. Discussion of Enabling Legislation

President Eaton read sections RS 33:921 and RS 33:922 to help the new board members understand what BVD does. An entire copy of the Enabling Legislation is in each commissioner's binder.

2. BVD By Laws

The By Laws were reviewed and discussed. A copy of BVD's By Laws is in each commissioner's binder.

3. Open Meeting Laws

Ryan Goudelocke handed out a power point presentation. Mr. Goudelocke explained the dangers of a board quorum at a committee meeting. All BVD's committees have 3 commissioners, President Eaton is an Ad Hoc member of all the boards and can attend any meeting, if he does this, any other commissioner that shows up would create a quorum. This would be in violation of the Open Meeting Laws and would be detrimental to the board.

4. Board Orientation

Most of the new commissioner's orientation was covered in the previous items.

B. BVD's 1st Quarter Budget

This item was discussed earlier.

C. BVD's Current Projects.

Interim CEO sent to the board the proposed updated Personnel Manual for their review. The board was also advised that BVD's health insurance is up for renewal which has a 6.7% increase.

D. VLHMF Grant Funds

The grants for BVD/Vermilionville are written by Brady McKellar and the money goes through the Foundation, which is a 501c3. Mr. McKellar has requested funds in the amount of \$26,239.00, that have been delivered to the Foundation to pay for many projects/supplies/construction that has been paid by BVD. The board discussed their options.

MOTION: (S. Maturin/K. Hail) to authorize Ryan Goudelocke to serve a demand letter to the Foundation (VLHMF) to send funds current and in arrears pursuant to grants written for BVD. Six commissioners were in favor. One commissioner was absent. One commissioner abstained. The motion carried.

E. Official Statement of Ownership of Artifacts

This request is untenable at present.

Adjournment: **MOTION:** (S. Oliver/S. Maturin) Motion to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

David Eaton, President

Shelly Maturin, II , Secretary