

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Bayou Vermilion District
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana
4:30 pm, March 23, 2022

Call to Order was given by President Eaton. The meeting was called at 4:34 pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Guest(s): Guests: Ryan Goudelocke, BVD attorney; Roxanne Bourque, concerned citizen.

Staff: Brady McKellar, Curtis Willingham, Ellen Fucich, and Kim Fournet.

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

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

Public Comment(s): President introduced the guest and asked if there were any public comments for any agenda item. There were no public comments at this time.

President's Report: We discuss during committee reports

Board Reports from Staff:

Committee Reports

Executive Committee: The committee met. The Strategic Plan and the Emergent Company were discussed. They will do a scaled down plan for \$7,500.00. The committee would like the board to discuss forming a new Non-Profit Board to help with grants and raising money.

Finance Committee: The committee did not meet. The committee will meet after the first quarter budget is finished. Deidre Stock sent out the monthly budgets. Liability insurance is \$240,000, a year. BVD staff and commission will review all coverage to find places to cut.

Bayou Operations and Development Committee: The committee did not meet. Curtis Willingham did inform the board that Vermilionville and Lafayette Travel are working together for the Vermilion Voyage. This is a 50-mile, 3-day 3-night paddle on the Vermilion River. Starting at North Landing and finishing at Palmetto State Park. Curtis will drive the safety boat.

Vermilionville Operations Committee: The committee met. Each director spoke on their department. Ellen Fucich is new Director of Marketing and Communications. The Square is up and doing well. Business is picking up. French Day is March 26, 2022.

CEO Search Committee: The search is on hold; the board would like a Strategic Plan in place before hiring a CEO.

Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

New Business

A. Compliance Questionnaire permission to submit Resolution 2022-01 was read by President Eaton.

MOTION: (K. Hail/S. Maturin) to accept resolution.

Discussion followed. The commissioners agreed the resolution should be signed with the stipulation that Ryan Goudelocke research some questions for the correct answers.

The vote was 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, and 0 abstentions. Resolution passed.

B. New Foundation

Much discussion on forming a new 501c3 non-profit foundation. The organizing of a non-profit is easy, the documentation is demanding. Any foundation, including VLHMF, should have a CEA (Cooperative Endeavor Agreement) with Bayou Vermilion District. Engage Ryan to do a paper start for a 501c3.

C. Artifacts Insurance

The commission would like an inventory list of all artifacts. Establish ownership of artifacts. If nothing else, have an agreed upon value of the artifacts for insurance purposes.

D. Strategic Plan

MOTION: (K. Hail/C. Leger) hire Emergent firm to write the strategic plan. Commissioners Hail and Mouton will meet with Emergent to discuss particulars, negotiate the contract and deliverables. They will have a recommendation and date set by the April meeting.

All commissioners present were in favor. Motion carried.

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

David Eaton, President

Shelly Maturin, II , Secretary