

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

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

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Guest(s):** Guests: Ryan Goudelocke, BVD attorney; Kathleen Espinoza, Ray Landry, with Cajun French Music Association; Fabian Patin, and Cohen Breaux with News 15. 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 June 22, 2022, meeting. There were none.

**MOTION:** (S. Oliver/H. Hoggatt) to accept minutes as written. All commissioners present were in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comment(s):** Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. There were no public comments at this time.

**President's Report:** President Eaton reported that he and Kim Fournet had an exit conference concerning the 2021 audit with Christie Dunn, CPA with Wright, Moore, DeHart, Dupuis, and Hutchinson, LLC. The audit will be filed on time with the extended deadline. Ms. Dunn will present the audit to the board at the August meeting. Setting the millage rates will also be on the August meeting agenda.

**Board Reports from Staff:**

Brady McKellar made note to the board that the revenues for Gift Shop and Hospitality had stopped closing the gap with the 2019 budget. January, June, and July are our slowest months. Acadian Culture Day is August 14, 2022. The Boat Parade will be in September and Black Pot is scheduled for October. Summer Camp attendance was light this year. Curtis Willingham reported that a new A/C unit was installed in Beau Bassin. The boom and Bandalong will be full of trash from the heavy rains Lafayette has received recently.

**Committee Reports**

**Executive Committee:** The committee meet to discuss renting two offices to TripChat, looking for a nonprofit to help BVD apply for grants coming available in August and forming a new BVD nonprofit. The Strategic Retreat is scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup>, from 8am to 4pm. Also covered was Rotary Point, Beaver Park, and North Landing (under I-10).

**Finance Committee:** The committee meet. Commissioner Hail handed out the reports for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and reviewed the 5% variances, insurance expenses. Curtis Willingham and Kim Fournet met with Charlie Babineaux to review more closely the comprehensive liability insurance. The Finance Committee's next meeting will be October 19, 2022, to discuss the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and prepare for the 2023 budget.

**Bayou Operations and Development Committee:** The committee meet. This was Commissioner Shelly Maturin's first meeting as chair of the committee. All staff involved discussed their goals, issues, and wish lists. The question of turning the Vermilionville canoe launch 90° was asked. Mr. Willingham noted it would be expensive and definitely have to be put off until 2023.

**Vermilionville Operations Committee:** The committee meet. Commissioner Leger reviewed his minutes and discussed grants needed for next year's culture days to continue.

**Grants Committee:** The committee did not meet

**Discussion Items**

A. Ray Landry Presentation-CFMA/Cajun Jam

Mr. Landry thanked the commission for the partnership the past 16 years. The CFMA would like to start having their monthly meetings and 3 fundraisers at BVD. Mr. Landry met with Brady McKellar, Kim Fournet and Mandi LaCombe to discuss expenses/revenues/amenities. Ms. LaCombe gave Mr. Landry a discounted quote for the monthly meetings. Mr. Landry was asking the board to further discount the quote. The board thanked Mr. Landry for his presentation and will look into the matter.

B. Executive Committee recommendations regarding the disposition or management of improvements at Rotary Point

The Executive Committee would like to meet with the City and Parish Councils to discuss exchanging the improvements BVD has made at this landings/parks for the city/parish to undertake the liability insurance, maintenance, etc. Possibly enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA).

**New Business (ACTION ITEMS)**

A. Consideration of Executive Committee recommendations to notify VLHMF of actions

**MOTION:** (S. Maturin/C. Leger) to notify VLHMF to refrain from purporting to represent BVD or Vermilionville in grant applications or other capacities. Also, to refrain from use of any trademarks, building space, or names in any capacity and to immediately turn over any funds, grants received, or other monies collected on BVD or Vermilionville's behalf.

Much discussion, questions, and suggestions took place. BVD has requested the monies several times, sent a demand letter. The question was called. The vote was 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent, 0 abstentions. The motion carried.

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

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David Eaton, President

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Shelly Maturin, II , Secretary