

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Bayou Vermilion District
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana
4:30 pm, June 22, 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, Roxanne Bourque, and Samuel Oliver were present. Commissioner Holden Hoggatt was absent. There was a quorum.

Guest(s): Guests: Ryan Goude Locke, BVD attorney; Amber Robinson, Bess Derby, Jenee Dansdill, Christopher Adams all representing BVPA; Nicole Quinlan with TripChat. Staff: Brady McKellar, Curtis Willingham, Leigh Dupuy, and Kim Fournet.

Approval of Minutes: President Eaton asked if there were any questions, changes, or issues with the minutes as written from the May 25, 2022, meeting. There were none.

MOTION: (S. Oliver/P. Mouton) 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: BVD is still waiting for a list of requests from the Foundation board in regard to the demand letter. The new date for the Strategic retreat is August 9, 2022, and the rain check date is August 23, 2022. Interim CEO reported to the board that several checks from BVD were stolen out of the mailbox on Coolidge Boulevard.

Board Reports from Staff:

Committee Reports

Executive Committee: The committee did not meet

Finance Committee: The committee did not meet.

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

Vermilionville Operations Committee: The committee did not meet; they will be meeting every other month.

Grant Committee: The committee did not meet

Discussion Items

A. Café 20.3 Trails Fundraiser

Café 20.3 and Trail held a fundraiser which collected donations for matching funds for the grant received to build a canoe/kayak launch at 'Tit Fer Park, mile marker 0.

B. BVPA Presentation-Amber Robinson

Ms. Robinson wanted to reintroduce the Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association (BVPA) to the current BVD board. The relationship between BVPD and BVD had become muddled over the past couple of years. Ms. Robinson gave a history of BVPA. The members of the BVPA would like to work more closely with BVD in any future mutual endeavors.

New Business (ACTION ITEMS)

A. Planning for Access Road and Kayak/Canoe Launch at North Park

Much discussion about the care and upkeep of the launch. Jenee Dansdill, a member of the BVPA but works for Bluewing Civil Consulting, LLC, gave the board an estimated cost for each phase of the project. Grants and donations will help with the cost of the launch and park.

B. Nicole Quinlan with TripChat

Ms. Quinlan is a company that was founded in Lafayette, LA. She explained to the board what TripChat does and what BVD and TripChat can do for each other. She is also interested in renting some office space from BVD for her company.

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

David Eaton, President

Shelly Maturin, II , Secretary