

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Bayou Vermilion District
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana
4:30 pm, May 25, 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, Roxanne Bourque, and Samuel Oliver were present. There was a quorum.

Guest(s): Guests: Ryan Goudelocke, BVD attorney; Fabian Patin with Rotary Point, Troy Theriot, concerned citizen. 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 April 27, 2022, meeting. There were none.

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

Commissioner Phyllis Mouton joined the meeting at 4:35.

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

President's Report: BVD is waiting for the Foundation Board's response to demand letter. The BVD will follow up with an Executive Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Holden Hoggatt joined the meeting at 4:42.

Board Reports from Staff:

Committee Reports

Executive Committee: The committee met. President Eaton reported that the committee recommends that BVD continue the staff's health insurance as status quo for the 2022-23 year but will review the options for 2023-24. The executive committee and the finance committee would like to have a risk management assessment of our liability insurance. Emergent Method will send suggested dates for retreat and strategic planning. Ryan Goudelocke is working on the contract with Bayou Paddle Sports.

Finance Committee: The committee did not meet.

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

Vermilionville Operations Committee: The committee met. The restaurant has hired a part time cook to help with special events. The gift shop has some new consignment vendors. Communications is looking over all existing contracts. Museum Operations is working on converting the old Water Shed into a brewery and distillery.

Grant Committee: The committee did not meet

Discussion Items

A. Fabian Patin with Rotary Point

Mr. Patin gave a history of Rotary Point and its connection with Bayou Vermilion District. He expressed future plans and wishes for Rotary Point.

Mr. Theriot spoke about Vermilion Parish's efforts to maintain Bayou Vermilion in their area.

New Business

A. Rotary Point

This topic was discussed earlier in the meeting.

B. Grant North Property

BVD was awarded a grant in 2019 for improving the property at Arnaudville Road. The grant fell through the cracks until Michael Domingue with FHWA Recreational Trails Programs for Louisiana, reached out to BVD. Brady reported on the updated progress.

C. Maintenance/Capital Funds

MOTION: (K. Hail/H. Hoggatt) for the board to spend the remaining \$18,000+ in the Capital Funds account contingent on CPA directives and bond guidelines. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Cajun Jam

Commissioner Leger met with Ray Landry about the Cajun Jam at Vermilionville. Commissioner Leger wants to make sure that staff is working and accommodating Mr. Landry.

E. Liaison LCG

BVD needs someone to advise LCG about events, programs, plans, etc., at Bayou Vermilion District. This can be discussed at the retreat/strategic planning meeting.

F. Christmas Events

The board would like to have French Christmas Carolers and a Boat Parade with a Christmas light contest on the river.

G. Grant for Petanque Courts

BVD has been given \$2,000.00, to build a Petanque Court. Brady is meeting with Mike LeBlanc to discuss location and materials needed.

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

David Eaton, President

Shelly Maturin, II , Secretary