

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Lafayette Parish Bayou Vermilion District  
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana  
4:30 pm, September 28, 2016

**Call to Order** was given by President Barry. The meeting was called at 4:34. **Roll Call:** Given by the Secretary, Commissioners David Barry, Rodney Richard, Benjamin Richard, Thomas Michot, Kristie Cornell and Don McConnell were present. Commissioners John Troutman, John Broussard and Derek Landry were absent. There was a quorum.

**Approval of Minutes:** **MOTION:** (R. Richard/D. McConnell) to approve the minutes as submitted for the August 24, 2016 special meeting and the August 24, 2016 regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Introduction of Guest(s):** Guest: John Pastor. Staff: CEO Cherie, Charissa Helluin, Chris Holland, Emile Ancelet, Maegan Smith, Anne Mahoney, Brady McKellar, Millicent Norbert, Curtis Willingham and Kim Fournet.

**Public Comment(s):** There were no public comments.

**President's Report:** President Barry thanked the staff, volunteers and commissioners for making his 8 years of service on the BVD board amazing. During his terms, BVD saw levee breaches, flooding in the village, changes in personnel and much improvement to the river and village.

**CEO's Report:** A copy of CEO Cherie's report and coordinators reports (on file) were e-mailed and are in each Commissioner's binder. CEO reviewed his report. BVD has received many calls from citizens living along Coulee Mine and near Rotary Point concerning the dead fish in the coulee. Mother Nature will take care of this issue. The Executive Committee met to discuss the pros and cons of hiring Landmark Consultants and made inquiries regarding their work. CEO Cherie and Curtis are working with Landmark Consultants to get FEMA all the necessary information and documentation, in a timely fashion, to receive funds. BVD is still working on getting the dock at Beaver Park back on the water and retrieving the Southside dock which floated to Abbeville. Faren Serrette is in the hospital with complications from his car accident a few months ago. BVD is looking for a carpenter to work in the village repairing steps and other damage from the flood.

**Marketing/Public Relations:** The committee did meet to discuss ways of increasing events in the Restaurant and Special Events. Many people have cancelled their events due to the recent flooding and the downturn in the economy.

**Finance/Capital:** The committee did not meet.

**Operations/Bayou/Maintenance:** The committee did not meet but will do so to discuss the hiring of carpenters.

**Environmental:** The committee did not meet.

**Education/Programming:** The committee did not meet.

**Curatorial/Acquisitions:** The committee did meet.

**New Business:** BVD staff and Commissioners presented outgoing President with a small token of their gratitude for his dedication and work for the past eight years.

**Adjournment: MOTION:** (D. McConnell/T. Michot) Motion to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

/s/ Rodney Richard  
Rodney Richard, Vice President

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John Troutman, Secretary