

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Lafayette Parish Bayou Vermilion District
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana
4:30 pm, March 23, 2016

Call to Order was given by Vice President Richard called the meeting at 4:36. **Roll Call:** Given by Secretary Commissioners Rodney Richard, Benjamin Richard, Thomas Michot, John Troutman, Kristie Cornell and Derek Landry were present. Commissioner Don McConnell was absent. There was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: **MOTION:** (T. Michot/K. Cornell) to approve the minutes as submitted for the February 24, 2016 regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Introduction of Guest(s): Staff: CEO Cheramie, Charissa Helluin, Erin Segura, Anne Mahoney, Greg Guidroz, Millicent Norbert, Curtis Willingham and Kim Fournet.

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

President's Report: Vice President Richard reminded the board of the vote on April 9th,4 he also expressed excitement and nervousness related to the passage of the bond and millage. The committees are moving along with upcoming projects for the next 5-10 years.

Commissioners D. Barry and J. Broussard join the meeting at 4:39.

CEO's Report: A copy of CEO Cheramie's report and coordinators reports (on file) were e-mailed and are in each Commissioner's binder. CEO Cheramie reported that the DEQ grant to deal with faulty septic tanks is still in progress. HDR has a grant program which BVD can apply 3 times a year, the next one coming up is April 15th for up to \$15,000 and the next deadline is September 15th for over \$15,000. BVD along with LCG received the Environmental Stewardship Award from the DEQ, for the Bandalong Project. The I-49 Connector is ongoing and making some progress. The DOTD is making some changes to the interchanges. The NCPTT Conference (National Center for Preservation Technology and Training) wrapped up today. CEO is having lunch tomorrow with the Canadian Council General and representatives from CODFIL and the tourism office. Commissioner Richard stated that the cities of Saint Martin Parish are trying to get I-49 routed through their parish. CEO mentioned that Greg Guidroz and several other people paddled down the Vermilion River from Lake Martin to Intracoastal City (approximately 15 miles per day for 4 days) to get photo documentation. Jesse Guidry set up the paddle and did the documentation. President Barry commented that he attended an I-49 Connector meeting sponsored by Upper Lafayette with Terry Huval from LUS. They have divided the I-49 Corridor into 5 different regions, the Vermilion River recreation, Neighborhood, Downtown, Upper Lafayette and Industrial. I-49 group is dealing with groups representing those various areas to get their input. I-49 Connector group is looking at 2 access points, one at Pinhook and one at Willow.

Marketing/Public Relations: The committee did meet, basically to discuss the upcoming election and the last big push which is April 3rd. Erin Segura handed out info cards about the election for the board members to pass out to people and to put out at local businesses. BVD is receiving very positive support for the election. This is the only thing on the ballot.

Finance/Capital: There was no meeting.

Operations/Bayou/Maintenance: There was no meeting. The committee will meet in April.

Environmental: The committee did meet with the DEQ representatives Tiffany Warner and Gwen Berthelot. DEQ has a \$125,000 grant that needs to be spent and approached BVD to fill out the paperwork to receive the grant. The final report from HDR should be done in early April.

Education/Programming: The committee did not meet.

Curatorial/Acquisitions: The committee did meet. The department has received some donated items for display in the village. The committee discussed the restoration of Beau Bassin which has some rotten wood.

New Business: President Barry congratulated Millicent and the Restaurant for the outstanding fried alligator they served last week. Commissioner J. Broussard pointed out that the Shining Light Fundraiser will take place at Vermilionville April 19th.

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

/s/ A. David Barry
David Barry, President

John Troutman, Secretary