

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Lafayette Parish Bayou Vermilion District
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana
4:30 pm, August 24, 2016

Call to Order was given by Vice President Richard. The meeting was called at 4:44.

Roll Call: Given by the Secretary, Commissioners Rodney Richard, Benjamin Richard, Thomas Michot, John Broussard, John Troutman, Kristie Cornell and Don McConnell were present. Commissioners David Barry and Derek Landry were absent. There was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: **MOTION:** (D. McConnell/T. Michot) to approve the minutes as submitted for the July 27, 2016 regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Introduction of Guest(s): Guest: John Pastor, concerned citizen, Joe Richard of Landmark Consulting, Don Cravins and Harold Schoeffler Staff: CEO Cheramie, Chris Holland, Emile Ancelet, Maegan Smith, Anne Mahoney, Brady McKellar, Millicent Norbert, Curtis Willingham and Kim Fournet.

Public Comment(s): Joe Richard with Landmark Consulting, based in New Orleans, explained that his company is an architectural and programming management firm, over the past 11 years they have been specializing in disaster recovery; working governments, municipalities, non-profits and tribes. These are the people eligible for FEMA assistance. Landmark Consultants act as a liaison for their clients between FEMA, other available grants and management. Landmark Consultants help these companies meet the compliance rules and requirements to receive FEMA funds. Landmark Consultants worked with companies in New Orleans after hurricane Katrina in 2011 and in South Carolina in 2015. FEMA does not make people whole, they fill the gaps. FEMA standard reimbursement is 75% of loss but by an act of Congress, can and probably will be increased to 90%. Landmark Consultants (LC) also seek other funding options. The monies BVD pays to LC would be included in the recovery funds from FEMA. LC and BVD would make a “not to exceed” contract.

Harold Schoeffler spoke on this flood and the one in 1993, what has changed and what needs to be changed to prevent future flooding.

President’s Report: Vice President reported that he has been all over the area seeing the flood damage and the volunteer support that the flood victims are receiving.

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. Reviewed his report. The river is slowly receding and the pumps for the village have been on since 6am this morning. The bond that BVD will receive at the end of this month, 5% will need to be spent within 6 months and 85% has to be spent within 3 years. Southside Park boat launch floated down river to Abbeville. Bayou Ops crew will recover it when they can get on the river. Everyone is working to reopen Vermilionville as soon as possible. Many plants are dead but the animals were rescued by Brady McKellar. CEO complimented the staff on their hard work through this disaster.

Marketing/Public Relations: The committee did not meet.

Finance/Capital: The committee did not meet.

Operations/Bayou/Maintenance: The committee did not meet.

MOTION: (J. Troutman/J. Broussard) to support the expenditures to the restoration of the flooded area and to enable BVD to acquire any equipment necessary to take care of flood damage and repair to Bayou Ops building. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CEO will take care of putting out to bid the boat launch at Rotary Point.

Environmental: The committee did not meet.

Education/Programming: The committee did not meet.

Curatorial/Acquisitions: The committee did meet.

New Business: Vice President Richard wants to look over BVD's insurance policy including flood insurance.

Vice President Richard read **Resolution (2016-03)**. A vote was called for by the vice president: (7) yeas: R. Richard, J. Troutman, D. McConnell, T. Michot, B. Richard, J. Broussard and K. Cornell; (0) nays; (0) abstained and (2) absent: D. Barry and D. Landry. **Resolution 2016-03** was adopted August 24, 2016.

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

/s/ David Barry
David Barry, President

John Troutman, Secretary