

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Lafayette Parish Bayou Vermilion District
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana
4:30 pm, January 27, 2016

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

Approval of Minutes: **MOTION:** (T. Michot/R. Richard) to approve the minutes as submitted for the December 16, 2015 public hearing. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION: (D. McConnell/B. Richard) to approve the minutes as submitted for the December 16, 2015 regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

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

President's Report:

Resolution 2016-01: President Barry read the resolution and explained the reason for the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. It is required by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor for its annual audit, stating that BVD is in compliance with the laws that govern BVD. It is then the duty of the auditor to verify that BVD is in compliance. A vote was called for by the president: (7) yeas: D. Barry, R. Richard, J. Troutman, D. McConnell, K. Cornell, T. Michot, B. Richard (0) nays, (2) absent: D. Landry, J. Broussard and (0) recused. This resolution is declared adopted on the 27th day of January 2016.

President Barry discussed the committee assignments and the chairs for each committee. It was suggested that the chair of each committee first meet with their respective director and then schedule a committee meeting if necessary.

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 introduced the new Education Coordinator, Melanie Harrington. The Millage Ad Campaign is progressing with videos for TV and Internet, and meeting with community groups. Vermilionville attendance is steadily increasing and had a good 2015 but with the drop in oil prices, the tightening economy will affect Vermilionville in 2016.

Committee Reports:

Marketing/Public Relations: Commissioner Barry and Erin Segura met to finalize the millage ad campaign and bond renewal.

Finance/Capital: There was no meeting.

Operations/Bayou/Maintenance: There was no meeting. Commissioner R. Richard, the new chair reported that the committee would meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Environmental: The committee met with HDR and the water quality testing program. Commissioner Michot asked Curtis Willingham if it were possible to put signage up at Camellia Bridge launch to inform people that some of the area around the launch is not solid ground.

Education/Programming: The committee did not meet.

Curatorial/Acquisitions: The committee did not meet.

New Business: Melanie Harrington gave a brief bio about herself. CEO Cherie reminded the board that the Courir de Mardi Gras was Sunday, January 31st.

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

/s/ David Barry
David Barry, President

John Troutman, Secretary