

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Lafayette Parish Bayou Vermilion District
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana
4:30 pm, July 22, 2015

Call to Order was given by President Richard at 4:32. **Roll Call:** Given by Secretary Commissioners Rodney Richard, David Barry, John Troutman, Steve Gremillion, Derek Landry, Don McConnell and Kristie Cornell were present. Commissioners John Broussard and Thomas Michot were absent. There was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: **MOTION:** (D. Barry/S. Gremillion) to approve the minutes as submitted for June 24, 2015 meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Introduction of Guest(s): Staff: CEO Cheramie, Charissa Helluin, Anne Mahoney, Jolie Johnson, Brady McKellar, Millicent Norbert, Curtis Willingham and Kim Fournet. Greg Guidroz joined later.

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

President's Report: No report at present.

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 reported that there are several projects going on at BVD. The phone system is outdated and in need of updating. BVD had received a couple of bids, one is through InfoTECH (BVD's information technology management company) which is Star to Star. Star to Star is an internet based voice over system. BVD also received a bid from COX. If the board has no objections, CEO will sign a 5 year contract with Star to Star. This new system should save BVD approximately \$2,000 a year. BVD will need to keep some regular phone lines to support our alarm system and credit card readers. BVD will be changing out the credit card readers to ones that have better security and encryptions. COX bid to put wireless access throughout the Village is \$5,000 up front and \$2,200 per month. This is cost prohibitive, thus we will not have internet throughout the Village, at the moment. The new signs have been installed and the apps to support them is being worked on. BVD will get a new time clock with updated software. The restroom improvements are coming along nicely. BVD has signed contract with Whit Rankin for engineering plans and the plans are almost finished. BVD needs the plans before the work can go out to bid. BVD will be putting the bond vote on the April ballot instead of waiting until December.

CEO officially announced that BVD will be setting the millage rates at the August 26th meeting.

Committee Reports:

Marketing/Public Relations: There was no meeting.

Finance/Capital: There was no meeting.

Operations/Bayou/Maintenance: The committee did meet in conjunction with the Curatorial and Acquisitions committee. The curatorial department is working on a plan to update the ability to detect fire in the Village. The curatorial department would like to place heat detectors throughout the Village. President Richard asked if the detectors were a smoke and heat combination product. They would be heat only, smoke detectors are sensitive and have a higher false alarm rate than heat detectors. The committee also wants to make the fire extinguishers that are in every house more readily available and

marked. The other recommendation is wheeled fire extinguishers. The first response is the individual fire extinguishers, then the wheeled extinguishers and then the fire department. The committee is asking for 9 extinguishers (125 pound wheeled units with a 50 foot hose). There will be 8 in the Village, hidden but not locked up, and one at Bayou Ops. They will be inspected every year-under warranty and on the 6th year they will be refurbished. BVD will work with the fire department to inform them about our equipment and do some dry runs; have fire drills with employees.

MOTION: (S. Gremillion/D. Landry) funds from Capital for fire/heat detectors from S&S Fire and Safety for all the houses in the Village in the amount of \$6,597.80. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION: (S. Gremillion/J. Troutman) funds from Capital for 9 wheeled fire extinguisher units and covers for the units from S&S Fire and Safety for \$18,538.92. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Environmental: There was no meeting.

Education/Programming: The committee did meet to discuss the challenges to find people for culture days. Commissioner Troutman thank Jolie Johnson for her hard work and dedication at BVD and she will be missed.

Curatorial/Acquisitions: Meet in conjunction with Operations meeting.

New Business: Brady McKellar, the new Museum Operations Coordinator, introduced himself. Originally from Vicksburg, MS, has a master's degree in fine arts, taught at Tulane in New Orleans and moved to Lafayette five years ago to teach at UL. Brady has a nonprofit origination, Wanderlust Theater Company. This year the company joined with Festivals International and provided some street animation.

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

/s/ Rodney Richard
Rodney Richard, President

/s/ John Troutman
John Troutman, Secretary