

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 27, 2016

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

**Approval of Minutes:** **MOTION:** (D. Landry/T. Michot) to approve the minutes as submitted for the June 22, 2016 regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Introduction of Guest(s):** Guest: John Pastor, concerned citizen. Staff: Erin Segura, 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 informed the board about the special meeting held July 20, 2016 to read the bids for the sale of the bonds and accept the best offer. The bid was awarded to Raymond James & Associates, Inc. with an interest rate of 2.159917 %, the 20 year bond is for \$4M. BVD has received an assurance check for \$40,000 and the bond will be finalized August 31, 2016. Commissioner Troutman submitted four potential consultant firms and the board discussed the pros and cons of all the groups. They are: Elizabeth Watson (planner) and Peter Benton (architect) — (Heritage Strategies, — Maryland)

Guy Hermann — (Museum Insights—Boston)

Tim Chester (Member of the Museum Group— Michigan)

Dr. Susan Atherton Hanson (History Behind the Scenes).

The board agreed that Elizabeth Watson would be the best fit for BVD and decided to have a telephone interview with them when CEO Cheramie returned from his vacation. The Executive Committee will make a decision and report back to the board.

**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.

**Marketing/Public Relations:** The committee did not meet.

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

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

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

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

**Curatorial/Acquisitions:** The committee did not meet.

**New Business:** Erin Segura reported that the Pokémon craze is bringing in many people to play the game of which some have bought memberships. BVD hopes to capitalize on the fad. Brady McKellar reported that BVD had purchased three sheep, which are historically correct and a donkey.

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

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David Barry, President

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John Troutman, Secretary