

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Lafayette Parish Bayou Vermilion District  
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana  
4:30 pm, May 27, 2015

**Call to Order** was given by President Richard at 4:31. **Roll Call:** Given by Secretary Commissioners Steve Gremillion, Rodney Richard, David Barry, Derek Landry and John Troutman were present. Commissioners Kristie Cornell, Don McConnell and Thomas Michot were absent. There was a quorum.

**Approval of Minutes:** **MOTION:** (D. Barry/S. Gremillion) to approve the minutes as submitted for April 22, 2015 meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

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

Commissioner J. Broussard joined the meeting.

**President's Report:**

**Resolution 2015-01:** President Richard 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: (5) yeas: R. Richard, S. Gremillion, J. Broussard, D. Landry, J. Troutman, D. Barry, (0) nays, (3) absent: D. McConnell, T. Michot, K. Cornell and (0) recused. This resolution is declared adopted on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015.

Commissioner S. Gremillion reminded the commissioners to fill out the ethics board questionnaire on line. Completing and submitting this questionnaire is mandatory to serve on 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. CEO and BVD coordinators are meeting to work on the five to ten year plans. Coordinators have submitted their capital funds projects, goals and wish lists. These ideas will be reviewed by the appropriate committee chair and the final dollar amounts will be submitted to Commissioner Gremillion. BVD's bond renewal is coming up soon and the board needs to have a dollar amount to go along with the future projects. BVD also needs to have a plan that will inform the voting public and the bond commission about these projects and their costs. The Capital Committee should meet to prioritize these projects. These projects include but not limited to the Rotary Point repairs and improvements, the Southside launch and boat shed, fire safety issues and equipment, new truck(s), new tables and chairs for Cooking School, cover the walkways to the PC, signage for the paddle trails, new Tour Boat and possibly some land where Bayou Carencro and Bayou Fuselier meet to form the Vermilion. BVD will have a marketing campaign to inform the public. Public Relations Committee is studying the cost for this yearlong campaign, including paid advertising and PSA's. CEO Cheramie has contacted two different companies about installing a VoIP (Voice-over Internet Protocol) phone system for both Vermilionville and Bayou

Operations. Representative Ortego is going ahead with HB 202 and has put Ruth Canal back into the bill. The Executive Committee had previously voiced its opposition to the bill. BVD's purpose is to keep improve water quality and aesthesis of the Bayou Vermilion within the parish of Lafayette and Teche-Vermilion Freshwater District's purpose is to control the water level. The VRA (Vermilion River Alliance) has the potential to help BVD reach its goals by other means. Members of VRA are the associations themselves, government entities, not individuals. BVD needs to work with all organizations and groups.

**Committee Reports:**

**Marketing/Public Relations:** There was no meeting.

**Finance/Capital:** There was no meeting.

**Operations/Bayou/Maintenance:** There was no meeting.

**Environmental:** There was no meeting.

**Education/Programming:** There was no meeting.

**Curatorial/Acquisitions:** There was no meeting.

**New Business:** Commissioner D. Barry informed the board that BVD had received their renewal for health insurance with a 4% increase. **MOTION:** (D. Barry/S. Gremillion) to renew the current BCBS health plan for the employees with the 4% premium increase.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** **MOTION:** (S. Gremillion/J. Broussard) Motion to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

/s/ Rodney Richard  
Rodney Richard, President

/s/ John Troutman  
John Troutman, Secretary