

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Lafayette Parish Bayou Vermilion District  
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana  
4:30 pm, October 28, 2015

**Call to Order** was given by President Richard at 4:32. **Roll Call**: Given by Secretary Commissioners Rodney Richard, John Troutman, Kristie Cornell, John Broussard and Derek Landry were present. There was a quorum.

Oath of Office was taken by new commissioner Benjamin Richard.

Commissioners Thomas Michot and Don McConnell joined the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**: **MOTION**: (D. Landry/ D. McConnell) to approve the minutes as submitted for September 23, 2015 meeting and September 30, 2015 meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Introduction of Guest(s)**: Guest: Staff: CEO Cheramie, Emile Ancelet, Brady McKellar, Charissa Helluin, Anne Mahoney, Millicent Norbert, Curtis Willingham and Kim Fournet.

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

**President's Report**: President had no report at this time.

**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 the title of Coordinator will be changed to Director. Charissa Helluin will be the Community Liaison and will be moved to the Communications Department (formerly Marketing and PR Department). The Foundation Board is covering the cost of some grant writing classes for Charissa to attend. Anne Mahoney will be the Curator.

Commissioner David Barry joined the meeting.

Another person will be added to Bayou Ops to give Curtis more time to oversee the Rotary Point project and other construction projects along the river. BVD will also hire a new Registrar. The bond election and the millage renewal are proceeding nicely. LCG voted unanimously in favor of BVD's bond election. Erin is working on the campaign to inform the public of BVD's need and importance to the river's upkeep. CEO is working on the amended 2015 budget and the proposed 2016 budget.

**Committee Reports**:

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

**Finance/Capital**: There was no meeting. The committee will be meeting to discuss the amended 2015 budget and the proposed 2016 budget.

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

**Environmental**: The committee met October 27, to discuss the HDR proposal. The committee would like more detail in the proposal and more examples of HDR's work. There are 4 tasks in the proposal. Task 1 and 2 create a model to address the problems in the river and three alternatives to increasing dissolved oxygen in the water. Task 3 is reviewing what permits are needed to complete the objectives. Task 4 is a single beam bathymetric survey. The cost of this project is \$93,500. Payment is due per task. The

first payment would be due by December 1. If BVD invests in this project and improves the water quality of the river, it is feasible that by 2018, the river would be safe for swimming. Commissioner Michot would like to accept the proposal as submitted by HDR and get the process moving. **MOTION:** (D. Barry/J. Broussard) to accept the HDR proposal and set aside \$95,000 for said proposal. Discussion followed. The president called for a vote, all were in favor. The motion was accepted.

**Education/Programming:** The committee did meet to discuss the department's vision and goals to be achieved in the next year.

**Curatorial/Acquisitions:** The committee did meet. The topics covered were the museum's accreditation. Coussan House reinterpretation and the repair of the chimney. And upcoming exhibit updates.

**New Business:** **MOTION:** (D. Barry/ D. Landry) The BVD meetings are scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of the month, these dates conflict with the holidays, motion to change the November and December meeting dates. The November date will be moved the 18<sup>th</sup> and the December date will be moved the 16<sup>th</sup>. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**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