

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & AGENDA

Date of Notice: April 22, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Regular Board Meeting of Bayou Vermilion District

To be held at: Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508

4:30 p.m. April 25, 2018

AGENDA:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes from March 28, 2018 Regular Meeting
- IV. Introduction of Guests
- V. Public Comments
- VI. President's Report
- VII. Chief Executive Officer's Report
  - A. Coordinators' Reports
- VIII. Committee Reports
  - A. Marketing/Public Relations
  - B. Finance/Capital
  - C. Operations/Bayou/Maintenance
  - D. Environmental
  - E. Education/Programming/Grants
  - F. Curatorial/Acquisitions
  - G. Master Plan
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjournment

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Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Bayou Vermilion District  
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana  
4:30 pm, April 25, 2018

**Call to Order** was given by President Richard. The meeting was called at 4:30 pm.

**Roll Call:** Given by the Secretary, Rodney Richard, Benjamin Richard, Catherine Comeaux, Natalie Keefer, Thomas Michot, and Zachary McNeal were present. Commissioners John Broussard, Kristie Cornell and Don McConnell were absent. There was a quorum.

**Approval of Minutes:** **MOTION:** (Z. McNeal/T. Michot) Motion to accept the minutes from the March 28, 2018. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Introduction of Guest(s):** Guest: None. Staff: CEO Cheramie, Emile Ancelet, Wesley Davis, Anne Mahoney, Maegan Smith, Millicent Norbert, Brady McKellar, Shawntell Lewis, Greg Guidroz, Curtis Willingham and Kim Fournet.

**Public Comment(s):** No public comments.

**Resolution 2018-03:** President Richard read the resolution, Commissioner T. Michot asked for a reminder of the 7 recommendations the Sierra Club had presented to the board. Commissioner C. Comeaux read the recommendations. Much discussion followed. **MOTION:** (T. Michot/N. Keefer) to table this resolution and allow the Environmental Committee to draft a more detailed resolution. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**President's Report:** President Richard reminded the meeting that BVD is a public assembly. The board is appointed by other governmental agencies and each member represents the people who vote those officials into office. It is the duty of each commissioner to be know where the money BVD is spending goes. BVD has spent approximately \$300,000, year to date repairing/replacing/maintaining all the buildings in the Village and Festive Area. The buildings (some historic, some not) are old and with the damage done by the flood of 2016, there is much to be done. BVD has and will receive FEMA funds for flood damage but that does not cover the wear and tear of time and visitors. The four million dollar bond BVD received last year has to be dispersed over 20 years and for many projects, including the Rotary Point improvements and the Water Quality Research Building. The members of the board need to be apprised of the expenses for these projects and be financially judicious for future goals. President Richard asked about a survey that was sent to employees, noting that one a few years ago turned into a grievance platform. Shawntell Lewis explained this was a UL class project of Dr. Caryn Winters' "Organizational Communication" class. The results will be sent May 4<sup>th</sup> and Shawntell will have a presentation for the board at the May meeting. President Richard also stated that no contractor is given a job at BVD because that person is a friend of his.

**CEO's Report:** Copies of CEO Cheramie's report and coordinators reports (on file) were e-mailed. CEO reviewed his report. Bids are out for the Water Quality Research

Building. A pre-bid meeting will take place in the Conference Room May 7, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Bids will be accepted until May 25, 2018. The first quarter was not as good as previous year. CEO Cheramie will be on vacation the week of May 12<sup>th</sup> to May 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Finance/Capital:** There was no meeting. The committee will meet to discuss future 2018 spending and estimated cost to achieve BVD's goals.

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

**Environmental:** There was no meeting.

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

**Curatorial/Acquisitions:** Anne Mahoney discussed what was needed to submit the Self Study for the accreditation application. Input from both the BVD Board and the Foundation Board has to be included in the application. Commissioners Keefer and Comeaux offered to spend the necessary time to finalize the application. A site study will take place between November and December of this year.

**Master Plan:** There was no meeting.

**New Business:** Commissioner Keefer asked for funds for Brady McKellar could attend the 5 week French Immersion course at Sainte Anne's in Canada. He would be out from early July to mid-August. The Foundation Board will match BVD's funding.

**MOTION:** (N. Keefer/T. Michot) to transfer money into Professional Development to help fund Brady McKellar's educational endeavor. All were in favor. Motion carried

**Adjournment:** **MOTION:** (T. Michot/C. Comeaux) Motion to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

/s/ Rodney Richard

Rodney Richard, President

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Natalie Keefer, Secretary