

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

Call to Order was given by President Richard at 4:30. **Roll Call:** Given by Secretary Commissioners Steve Gremillion, Rodney Richard, John Troutman, Kristie Cornell, Thomas Michot, Derek Landry and Don McConnell were present. Commissioner John Broussard was absent. There was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: **MOTION** (D. Landry/S. Gremillion) to approve the minutes as submitted for December 17, 2014 meetings both public hearing and regular. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner D. Barry joined the meeting.

Introduction of Guest(s): Ray Landry. Staff: CEO Cheramie, Charissa Helluin, Emile Ancelet, Erin Segura, Millicent Norbert, Chris Benoit, Jolie Johnson, Curtis Willingham and Kim Fournet.

Public Comment(s): There were no public comments at this time; Ray Landry asked to speak at the end of the meeting.

President's Report: President Richard had no comment at this time, will leave it to the CEO, Coordinators and committee chairs.

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 thanks to Erin Segura and KRVS, the Gateway to the Grammys had a very good turnout. The event raised \$5,000 to be split between the three local bands nominated for Grammys to help with their expenses. Black Pot event may possibly be held at BVD for 2015. There are a few issues to be worked out, many events are scheduled for 2015, but all attempts are being made to have the event here in October 2015. Commissioner Gremillion asked what the average attendance for the event has been. The general consensus for attendance for the entire weekend is about 5,000. Daytime parking as well as RV parking will be an issue. Commissioners expressed a great desire to get the event at BVD for 2015 and possibly changing some of the events already scheduled. BVD has committed to Black Pot for 2016.

Bruce Conques joined the meeting.

CEO and Greg Guidroz attend the ground breaking ceremony for the CGI new facility. BVD is working with CGI for an interactive paddle trail map. CGI furnished the template and BVD supplied the coordinates. LCG will host the site for this app. The big launch for this project will be at BVD February 10th. LCVC is hosting a meeting with Plan Lafayette and will be announcing the creation of the Bayou Vermilion Paddle Trail interactive map. CEO reported on BVD's numbers for December 2014 and the entire year. BVD will pay off the 2004 bond, which is 9 years early. Bandalong system had been installed, whether it works as planned or not is still undetermined. The Rotary Point improvements price tag keeps going up. The engineers from Domingue and Szabo stated that the standards and codes by which they would have to build the bulkhead/landing

would cost between \$800,000 and one million. CEO, Curtis Willingham, Steve Gremillion, and Rodney Richard have had several meetings with engineers to get the best recommendations for the next steps to be taken. Committee has been talking to a few construction companies about the issues at Rotary Point, the use of helical anchor screws and interlocking system. This project is presenting itself to be much more complicated than expected. President Richard informed the board that any project over \$168,000, needs a professional of record.

Committee Reports: Marketing/Public Relations: There was no meeting.

Finance/Capital: There was no meeting.

Operations/Bayou/Maintenance: Commissioner Gremillion and Curtis went to Coulee Mine to inspect the operation of the Bandalong system. The issue seems to be the lack of constant water flow. Jim Edwards of LCG, will look into the operation of the system. Another issue is, that it collects organic and non-organic material as opposed to BVD's booms collecting only non-organic material. Commissioner Gremillion and Curtis would like to be on site when the system is emptied.

Environmental: There was no meeting. Commissioner Michot welcomed Commissioner Cornell to the committee.

Education/Programming: There was no meeting.

Curatorial/Acquisitions: There was no meeting. Commissioner Gremillion asked about monies for this committee.

CEO announced that April 1st was BVD's 25th anniversary and that he and Erin Segura are working on plans for some activities to celebrate the occasion.

New Business: President Richard asked if everyone received their committee assignments and agreed to the assignments. The chairs of the committees were asked to have a goals (2-5 years) to keep BVD and Vermilionville growing and progressing. Ray Landry was recognized. Mr. Landry expressed his support for Black Pot coming to BVD. Mr. Landry also cautioned the board to be more proactive in the marketing and publicizing the mission of BVD, inform the public as to what BVD does to keep the river clean. The tax mileage and bonds issues are coming up soon and BVD should have a public relations campaign to promote BVD. CEO reported that he is working with Jerry Osborne to schedule the vote and it does cost to be on a ballot. Mr. Bruce Conques gave the voting dates for 2016; March 19th, April 16th, November 8th and December 10th. The expenses are prorated, the cost is split between the entities on the ballot.

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

/s/ Rodney Richard
Rodney Richard, President

/s/ John Troutman
John Troutman, Secretary