

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & AGENDA

Date of Notice: January 21, 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. January 24, 2018

AGENDA:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes from December 20, 2017 Public Hearing and 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
- 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, January 24, 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, Kristie Cornell, Catherine Comeaux, Thomas Michot, Don McConnell and Zachary McNeal were present. Commissioners John Broussard and Natalie Keefer were absent. There was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Comeaux asked that the minutes from the December 20, 2017 regular meeting be amended to reflect that “Ms. Brooks pointed out that a Rain Garden is in Phase 1 of the project, and she asked the board to consider making a donation to fund the building of the Rain Garden”. **MOTION:** (T. Michot/D. McConnell) Motion to accept the minutes from the December 20 Public Hearing and the amended minutes for the December 20, 2017 regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Public Comment(s): There was no public comment.

President’s Report: President Richard has no report at this time but will comment during the committee reports.

Commissioner Benjamin Richard joined the meeting at 4:35.

CEO’s Report: Copies of CEO Cheramie’s report and coordinators reports (on file) were e-mailed. CEO reviewed his report. CEO reported that BVD and Allen Bernard came to an informal agreement \$56,000 for 4.56 acres of property at the confluence of the Bayous Carencro, Fuselier and Vermilion. The property has back taxes of \$1,699.00 and a lien for \$3,900.00. CEO Cheramie would like to pay the outstanding monies owed and purchase the land. This property would be another location BVD could build a boat launch. Ken Simeral would be the closing attorney.

MOTION: (C. Comeaux/D. McConnell) to give CEO Cheramie the permission to negotiate the purchase of the 4.56 acres of property at the confluence of Bayous Carencro, Fuselier and Vermilion and pay the monies owed, not to exceed \$65,000, from the Capital Funds.

President Richard created a new committee, Master Plan. Commissioner Zachary McNeal will chair with Commissioners Catherine Comeaux, Thomas Michot and Natalie Keefer also on the committee.

Marketing/Public Relations: The committee did not meet. Commissioner Ben Richard remarked to the board on the public’s confusion on social media between BVD and the Vermilion Parish School Board’s debacle. Shawntell Lewis addressed the problem quickly and efficiently to correct the misconception that the two entities were one in the same.

Finance/Capital: The committee did not meet

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

Environmental: The committee did meet to discuss the DEQ inspection project, Lake Charlo and the composter.

MOTION: (T. Michot/C. Comeaux) to approve from Capital Funds the purchase and installation of the Rocket Composter, not to exceed \$70,000. All were in favor. Motion carried. President Richard did request that he reviews the plans and any stairs and/or ramps be built out of metal.

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

New Business: The movie for Les Vues next month is "Racing to Zero".

President Richard asked Curtis to have a slab installed under the cover of the Work Shed.

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

/s/ Rodney Richard

Rodney Richard, President

/s/ Natalie Keefer

Natalie Keefer, Secretary