

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & AGENDA
Date of Notice: September 23, 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. September 26, 2018

AGENDA:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes from August 22, 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
 - F. Budget
- IX. New Business
 - A. Adopt Millage Rates of .75 for Ad Valorem Tax and .17 for Capital Debt Service
 - B. Change meeting for December from December 26, 2018 to December 19, 2018
 - C. Vote on changes to MOU wording between BVD Board and Foundation Board
- 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, September 26, 2018

Call to Order was given by President Richard. The meeting was called at 4:33 pm.

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

Approval of Minutes: **MOTION:** (T. Michot/N. Keefer) Motion to accept the minutes from the August 22, 2018 meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Introduction of Guest(s): Guest: Ray Landry, former commissioner and newly appointed commissioner and Peter Manganello, Educator and concerned citizen. Staff: CEO Cheramie, Emile Ancelet, Wesley Davis, Maegan Smith, Millicent Norbert, Anne Mahoney, Brady McKellar, Greg Guidroz, Kim Fournet and Curtis Willingham.

Commissioner Benjamin Richard joined the meeting at 4:35 pm.

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

President's Report: President Richard reported Whit Rankin has been out of town but will be meeting with his attorney to go over the contract for the Rotary Point project. Mr. Rankin should meet with CEO Cheramie this Friday to complete the contract. President Richard will also make comments during the committee reports.

CEO's Report: Copies of CEO Cheramie's report and coordinators reports (on file) were e-mailed. CEO reviewed his report. CEO Cheramie relayed to the board the passing of Charlie Wyatt, founder of the Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association and a friend to BVD. CEO reminded the board that Black Pot was coming up soon. Dr. Cheramie and Curtis Willingham meet with lawyer Mike Futrell about the Southside Park lawsuit and he informed them that a trial date has been set for June of next year. It will be on Judge Ed Ruben's docket.

Commissioner Don McConnell joined the meeting at 4:45 pm.

September has been fairly steady so far and October-November are usually very good months for BVD. CEO is working on 2019 budget. President Richard was impressed with the coordinators reports. CEO also informed the board that Howard Noel, sound tech, has given his 2 week notice for medical reasons.

Marketing/Public Relations: The committee met to discuss promoting the upcoming Sensory Tour and other events at Vermilionville. Brady McKellar, Melanie Harrington and Shawntell Lewis did radio and TV interviews for the Sensory Tour that was held on September 22nd. Five families attended the tour.

Finance/Capital: The committee did not meet but CEO is working on the 2019 budget, asking about increases from BVD's insurance provider, the CPA and the audit CPA for next year. CEO explained to the board millage rates and how it is based on the actual tax dollars that are collected. President Richard attended a meeting where the new flood

maps were introduced. The Tax Assessor will need to reassess the properties that are affected by remapping, thus effecting the property taxes.

Operations/Bayou/Maintenance: The committee met with Lynn Guidry and toured the LUS Lab to help everyone fine tune what is wanted and needed for the BVD Water Quality Lab.

Environmental: The committee did not meet. Greg Guidroz reported that the Rocket Composter is up and running.

Commissioner John Broussard informed the board he needed to leave, President Richard asked to have the resolution vote, all agreed.

President Richard read **Resolution 2018-05** to the board. A vote was called for by the president: (7) yeas: R. Richard, B. Richard, D. McConnell, N. Keefer, T. Michot, K. Cornell, and J. Broussard ; (0) nays; (0) abstained and (2) absent: C. Comeaux and Z. McNeal. Resolution 2018-05 was adopted on September 26, 2018.

Commissioner John Broussard excused himself from the meeting at 5:05 pm.

Programming/Education/Grants: The committee did not meet. Commissioner Keefer has meet with Brady McKellar to discuss grants and will meet soon with Emile Ancelet.

Curatorial/Acquisitions: The committee did not meet this month but will meet October 3rd. Anne Mahoney sent five accreditation documents for the commissioners to review and for the President and CEO to sign. **MOTION:** (T. Michot/N. Keefer) to instruct the CEO and President to sign said documents for the accreditation process and site visit. All were in favor. Motion carried. Anne Mahoney again reminded the commissioners to submit bios, contact information and their role on the board, in preparation for the site visit. Commissioner Keefer asked Ms. Mahoney to also remind the commissioners in an email.

Master Plan: The committee did not meet. Commissioner McNeal was the chair of this committee, Commissioner Keefer will be the new chair.

Budget: The financial analysis comparison for the month ending August 2018 was available for the commissioners' review. CEO covered the year to date revenues and expenditures earlier in his report.

New Business: The board agreed to change the December meeting from December 26th to December 19th due to the holidays.

MOTION: (T, Michot/D. McConnell) to accept the rewording of the MOU between the Foundation and the BVD Board to replace the words: "Serve as the decision-making authority" with "Advise in" and second, to delete "authority". All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Rodney Richard
Rodney Richard, President

/s/ Natalie Keefer
Natalie Keefer, Secretary

