

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Lafayette Parish Bayou Vermilion District
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana
4:30 pm, August 26, 2015

Call to Order was given by President Richard at 4:34. **Roll Call:** Given by Secretary Commissioners Rodney Richard, David Barry, John Troutman, Steve Gremillion, Derek Landry, Don McConnell, Kristie Cornell, John Broussard and Thomas Michot were present. There was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: **MOTION:** (D. Barry/D. McConnell) to approve the minutes as submitted for July 22, 2015 meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Introduction of Guest(s): Guest: Amber Robinson, Brett Geesey, Shauna McMahon and Cristhian Mancilla all with HDR. Staff: CEO Cheramie, Emile Ancelet, Erin Segura, Greg Guidroz, Charissa Helluin, Anne Mahoney, Millicent Norbert, Curtis Willingham and Kim Fournet.

Public Comment(s): HDR gave a power point presentation with their proposed feasibility study/plan to improve the water quality of Vermilion River, through increasing the dissolved oxygen in the water. HDR has worked with many communities including Chicago, Androscoggin River in Maine and Savannah River Harbor in Georgia. Emile Ancelet reminded the board that the original master plan in 1984 was three phases: 1) Debris Management 2) Water Quality and 3) Recreation Promotion. BVD has been testing the water and is now ready to work on the problem. If the water quality is improved Wild Life and Fisheries will restock the river. The Environmental Committee and Emile have been charged with organizing a closed workshop to study a more detailed application. After the workshop the board will discuss its options and what direction it will take. The initial investment will be by BVD but could eventually get monies from other sources such as grants.

President's Report: President Richard read **Resolution (2015-03)**. A vote was called for by the president: (9) yeas: S. Gremillion, J. Troutman, D. McConnell, T. Michot, R. Richard, D. Landry, D. Barry, J. Broussard and K. Cornell; (0) nays; (0) abstained and (0) absent. Resolution 2015-3 was adopted August 26, 2015.

Commissioner J. Broussard excused himself from the meeting.

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 Acadian Culture Day went very well, a good crowd and good food. Benjamin Richard will replace Commissioner Gremillion on the board. Commissioner Gremillion's term ends September 30th. Commissioner John Broussard was reappointed for another 4 year term. BVD's new phone system is here but still in the box. Star2Star and Infotech will be here Friday to install the system. The credit card readers will be changed out also. The new time clock has been installed. CEO reminded the board about the special meeting on September 30, 2015, to declare BVD's intention to call an election on April 9, 2016.

Committee Reports:

Marketing/Public Relations: There was no meeting.

Finance/Capital: There was no meeting.

Operations/Bayou/Maintenance: There was no meeting.

Environmental: The committee met with HDR to discuss the power point presentation for tonight.

Education/Programming: There was no meeting.

Curatorial/Acquisitions: The committee met to discuss climate controlled storage and repairs the chimney on Coussan House.

New Business: There was no new business.

Adjournment: **MOTION:** (S. Gremillion/D. Landry) Motion to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

/s/ Rodney Richard
Rodney Richard, President

/s/ John Troutman
John Troutman, Secretary