

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Lafayette Parish Bayou Vermilion District
Held at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road Lafayette Louisiana
4:30 pm, November 18, 2015

Call to Order was given by Vice President Barry at 4:31. **Roll Call:** Given by Secretary Commissioners David Barry, Kristie Cornell, John Broussard, Benjamin Richard and Derek Landry were present. Commissioners Rodney Richard, John Troutman and Don McConnell were absent. There was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: **MOTION:** (D. Landry/ D. McConnell) to approve the minutes as submitted for the October 28, 2015 meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Introduction of Guest(s): Guest: Katie Falgout with Right Angle. Staff: CEO Cheramie, Brady McKellar, Charissa Helluin, Anne Mahoney, Millicent Norbert, Curtis Willingham and Kim Fournet.

Public Comment(s): Katie Falgout and the Right Angle Advertising Agency are working with Erin with the millage renewal and new bond request. Katie informed the board of Right Angle's strategy and plans for the campaign to remind and reengage the public on what BVD does. The plan is to present these at community meetings, organizations and events, social media and traditional media. The goal is to make the community aware of the upcoming election. Many questions and suggestions followed with much discussion.

President's Report: Vice President Barry discussed the amended 2015 budget. The Executive Committee met with CEO Cheramie for both the 2015 budget and the projected 2016 budget. The committee gave the CEO some guidelines for the 2016 budget such as dedicating more funds for the staff, two new positions in the company and capital improvements/repairs over the next 4-5 years. The current budget will have some adjustments to stay within the 5% variances allowed for each line item. As usual, the last 2 months of the year's revenues and expenses are projected. The Finance Committee is comfortable with the plans for the one time monies spent at the October meeting and the balance in the unreserved account. **MOTION:** (D. Landry/J. Broussard) to accept the amended budget of 2015, as presented to the board. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner J. Broussard left the meeting at 5:35.

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 discussed the meetings that he has attended concerning the I-49 Connector. This will be a long and involved process over the next 18-24 months. The HDR contract has been signed. Catering is down from this time last year due to the slump in the oil industry but most other revenues are up from 2014.

Committee Reports:

Marketing/Public Relations: The committee did meet and much of the action was discussed earlier with Katie Falgout. Commissioner D. Landry is going to request a more detailed explanation of the use of traditional media, TV, radio and newspapers.

Finance/Capital: The committee did meet and was covered in the President's Report.

Operations/Bayou/Maintenance: There was no meeting.

Environmental: The HDR contract was the main item and it is a go.

Education/Programming: The committee did not meet.

Curatorial/Acquisitions: The committee did meet. The heat detectors will be installed in the houses in the village. The bousillage has been repaired on the Coussan House and will be lime washed 7-8 times. Stephanie Maxwell of Patoutville donated some 1900's furniture to Vermilionville.

New Business: There was no new business.

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

/s/ David Barry

Rodney Richard, President

John Troutman, Secretary