



Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2025 Board Meeting
New Orleans East Hospital
5620 Read Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70127
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Bryan Jourdain

II. Roll Call

- ✓ Bryan Jourdain
- ✓ Velma Johnson
- ✓ Mtumishi St. Julien
- ✓ Brenda Hogan
- ✓ Ira Thomas
- ⊗ Aaron Jordan
- ✓ Dr. Jeffery Ambrose

Quorum was met

III. Approval of July 20, 2024 Minutes

Minutes were read by Bryan Jourdain. Updates were provided, including:

- The lily pads were removed from the canal, but they have grown back.
- SEAL will comp us for snow days when they did not patrol.
- The sign was repaired by Garden Doctors.
- A car accident took out the light pole and there has been no power since 2023, so charging for electricity stopped and electric credits are owed.

A motion to approve the minutes, with a modification to state that SEAL reports are still not working, was made by Velma Johnson and seconded by Jeffery Ambrose. The motion passed.

IV. New Business

a. 2025 Financial Review

Mtumishi St. Julien said that financial reports are presented each year by our CPA, Sean Bruno, who said that this is required by State law. Our financial situation is good. We earn interest on funds with the Board of Liquidation and have been operating under budget, which helps in addressing unexpected expenses. Our reports will be filed with the State of Louisiana to be in compliance with law.

The Lake Bullard ad valorem tax assessment expires in 2026, so a decision must be made on whether we keep the fee at \$350 per year or increase it. It has been \$350 for the past eight years, and during that time inflation has increased.

A motion to accept the financial reports was made by Jeffery Ambrose and seconded by Velma Johnson. The motion passed.

b. Security Update

We are still not getting reports from SEAL, which is under new management. Very few incidents have been reported to the Board, and none since the last meeting. Lake Bullard pays \$25 per hour, which is less than other groups. If we change security companies, the fee will increase.

c. Open Forum

Discussion of the ad valorem fee continued. Insurance increases each year. A committee is needed to review security needs. We are currently paying less than we collect, but if we raise more funds, we could get better security. The committee should consider whether to increase the ad valorem tax amount, and whether anything can be done to make residents' lives better with the funds collected. Eight hours of security patrol per day is not enough, and it is also predictable. We also need more NOPD patrols, and we should report incidents to NOPD to get more coverage. Lake Bullard has the lowest call rate, and this is what determines how much response we get from NOPD.

We need volunteers for the committee and someone to lead the committee. These volunteers should be residents and not board members.

It was reported that the lot next to Walgreen's was sold and will be a Seventh Day Adventist Church and that Smoothie King is being built next to the Blood Center.

V. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Velma Johnson. The motion was seconded by Jeffery Ambrose. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.