

**Bossier Arts Council**  
**Emergency Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
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The Board of Directors called an emergency meeting to determine how to handle the Bossier City Council elimination of the Bossier Arts Council operating budget of \$85,000 as the Bossier City Council deemed funding the BAC as illegal because the BAC is a non-profit organization.

The meeting was called to order. Those in attendance were Holly French, President, Terri Mathews, Vice-President, Dr. Bob Robinson, Vice-President of Biennial Fundraiser, Carol Reyenga, Treasurer, Donna Cherry Secretary, Jerry Allen, Immediate Past President, David White, Board Attorney, Ed Allen, Marlene Harner, Linda Morse, Kathy McCallister, Richard Folmer and Anne Susman.

Holly French stated she had spoken to Councilman David Jones and he is working with Councilman Tim Larkin to have an ordinance to propose the support of funding to not only the Bossier Arts Council but other non-profits as well.

David White believes that once a contractual agreement is reached with the City, the Attorney General will support such a contract because the BAC is for the public good as the BAC provides for quality of life.

Bob Robinson expressed concern over the City decision as the film industry has brought millions to this area as well as the Bossier Arts Council offers quality of life for citizens not only in Bossier Parish but neighboring parishes as well.

Bob Robinson stated that everyone on the board needs to be at the City Council meeting tomorrow to show support for the BAC as well as other non-profit organizations.

Richard stated as things stand now, IF the BAC did not receive funding from Bossier City, operations at the BAC could be sustained 4 to 5 months without cashing in CD's and 11 months with the monies from CD's the BAC currently owns.

Richard made note that the ONLY councilman to support the funding of non-profits, which includes the BAC was Councilman Tim Larkin. He stated that he has personally thanked Mr. Larkin for his support and encouraged Board Members to do the same.

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Kath McCallister expressed consider the over Councilman Bubba Williams request for a copy of the BAC budget; however, the information has been provided to him as well as other Bossier City Councilmen.

Kathy McCallister wanted to make note that Richard has done an outstanding job and should be complimented for his efforts.

The staff of the BAC is in the process of placing a value of volunteer hours that have been donated to the BAC in all areas of programming and events.

Holly requested that all board members contact a City Councilman, the agreed upon assignments are as follows:

Donna Cherry will contact Bubba Williams

Marlene Harner will contact Jeff Darby

Terri Mathews will contact David Montgomery Jr.

Linda Morse will contact Scott Irwin

Kathy McCallister will contact Dr Rodgers

Holly French has spoken to and will speak again with David Jones. Holly made note that David Jones did NOT vote against the council as he was absent the day the voting took place and he supports the BAC.

Holly again, encouraged all Board Members to attend the City Council meeting tomorrow, as a show of support for the BAC.

Depending upon the action of the City Council, Holly stated if the need arises for another meeting, then she would be in contact with the Board.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Cherry