

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2015
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

President Ruben Rivera called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Judge's Library, on the second floor of the Courthouse in Abbeville, La.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ruben Rivera

Mr. Ruben Rivera requested a moment of silence.

A roll call was done by Ms. Pat Rost with the following members present:

Mr. Ruben Rivera, Ms. Gale Smith, Mr. Darin Desormeaux, Ms. Pat Rost, Mr. Kevin Sagrera, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Jacob Landry, Mr. Dane Hebert, and Mr. Allen LeMaire

The following members were absent:

Ms. Cynthia Dudley, Mr. Francis Plaisance, Mr. Kirk Frith, Mr. Carlton Campbell, and Mr. Paul Bourgeois

The following guests were present:

Ms. Anne T. Falgout, VEDD, and Ms. Shari Cormier, VEDD

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting were approved by a motion made by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, duly seconded by Mr. Darin Desormeaux and unanimously carried by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux gave the Treasurer's report. He reviewed invoices and expenses that were in need of payment. Upon motion by Mr. Darin Desormeaux, duly seconded by Ms. Gale Smith and unanimously carried, the invoices, totaling \$538.19, were approved for payment.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout informed the board that the property submission form has been put online and has received one submission by a private land owner. Ms. Falgout mentioned that her recent column in the Abbeville Meridional focused on property marking.

Ms. Falgout spoke about the Building the Region Conference and the exposure that Vermilion Parish received from the event.

Ms. Falgout informed the board that a table has been donated for the Taste of Vermilion event. A request was made for the board members wanting to attend.

As requested at the previous meeting, Ms. Falgout presented a report that includes tracking the progress made with businesses contacting the VEDA office and requested feedback from the board as to any other information they may require.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ruben Rivera spoke of the need for an absentee policy being adopted for the VEDD board. Ms. Falgout was asked to obtain information from other organizations regarding this matter and report to the board at the next meeting. The board will vote on an absentee policy at the November meeting.

Mr. Ruben Rivera requested cost and design options for placing billboards within Vermilion Parish.

On a motion by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, duly seconded by Mr. Kevin Segrera and unanimously carried, the board entered into executive session. After completing their discussion, Mr. Darin Desormeaux motioned the board to return to the regular meeting, this was seconded by Ms. Gale Smith and unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout informed the board of the items discussed at the Focus Area Prioritization Committee meeting on September 14, 2015. The committee has decided to form three sub-committees: Branding Agri-business, Existing Business Assistance, and Advanced Manufacturing. They asked board members to volunteer to chair these committees and to suggest members of the business community to join them as committee members.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Anne T. Falgout updated the board on the accomplishments made by the VEDD office in the month of September. She also spoke of interviews and presentations that were given, as well as, boards and committees on which she has served during the past month.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District will be held on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Judge's Library/Conference Room.

ADJOURN

Upon motion by Mr. Kevin Segrera, duly seconded by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, and unanimously carried, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.