

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 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. Pat Rost, Mr. Kevin Sagrera, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Dane Hebert, Mr. Allen LeMaire, Mr. Paul Bourgeois, Mr. Francis Plaisance, Mr. Darin Desormeaux, Ms. Sarah Trahan and Mr. Jacob Landry

The following members were absent:

Ms. Cynthia Dudley, Mr. Kirk Frith, Ms. Gale Smith, and Mr. Carlton Campbell

The following guests were present:

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 2, 2015 meeting were approved by a motion made by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Paul Bourgeois 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. Pat Rost and unanimously carried, the invoices, totaling \$1,682.84, were approved for payment.

Mr. Guilbeaux also presented the board with the proposed 2016 budget for the Vermilion Economic Development District. Mr. Paul Bourgeois motioned the board to accept the proposed budget. This motion was seconded by Mr. Darin Desormeaux and unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout presented the board with billboard pricing and designs, as was requested at the November meeting. Mr. Francis Plaisance motioned the board to accept two of the designs (with the suggested changes) that were proposed for use on the billboards. Mr. Kevin Sagrera seconded the motion and it was carried. Ms. Pat Rost opposed the motion. After further discussion, Mr. Paul Bourgeois motioned the board to accept four of the available locations across the parish for the billboards. Mr. Francis Plaisance seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout presented the board with ideas for promotional items that could be given away at events. She also asked the board for their recommendations of items they would like to receive and let them know that this topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ms. Falgout requested time before the next meeting in order to introduce her goals for 2016, and get the boards expectations regarding the VEDD office.

Ms. Falgout requested the board's approval to attend a webinar class on The Right Metrics. This online course is offered by IEDC, at the cost of \$135.00. Mr. Dane Hebert motioned the board to allow Ms. Falgout to attend the class. Mr. Kevin Sagrera seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Ms. Falgout presented the board with an opportunity to attend the Site Selector Guild Annual Conference, in Nashville, TN. She informed the board that although VEDD will have to pay the registration fee of \$1,875.00, the office will be reimbursed for this amount by Acadiana Economic Development Council. Ms. Falgout also informed the board that the cost for mileage to and from the meet location, hotel cost, and meals would be between \$1,200.00 and \$1,400.00. Ms. Pat Rost motioned the board to allow Ms. Falgout to attend the conference. Mr. Allen LeMaire seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Anne T. Falgout updated the board on the accomplishments made by the VEDD office in the month of October. 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, January 4, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Judge's Library/Conference Room.

ADJOURN

Upon motion by Mr. Kevin Sagrera, duly seconded by Mr. Paul Bourgeois, and unanimously carried, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ms. Pat Rost
Secretary