

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2016
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. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Dane Hebert, Mr. Paul Bourgeois, Mr. Kirk Frith, Mr. Carlton Campbell, Mr. Francis Plaisance, Ms. Cynthia Dudley, Mr. Kevin Sagera, and Ms. Sarah Trahan

The following members were absent:

Mr. Darin Desormeaux, Mr. Jacob Landry, Mr. Allen LeMaire, and Ms. Gale Smith

The following guests were present:

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting were approved by a motion made by Mr. Carlton Campbell, duly seconded by Mr. Kirk Frith 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. Francis Plaisance, duly seconded by Mr. Kirk Frith and unanimously carried, the invoices totaling \$2,400.69 were approved for payment.

Mr. Guilbeaux also informed the board that the billboard rental invoice of \$1,100.00 will run each month on a 28 day cycle. He told the board that he expects that eventually this invoice will come due before our meeting date. Mr. Kirk Frith motioned the board to approve payment of the remaining five invoices through the end of the current six month contract. Mr. Francis Plaisance seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried by the board.

Mr. Guilbeaux presented the board with the cost of the General Liability (\$969.87) and Worker's Comp. (\$953.00) insurance renewals. He also informed the board that pricing for the Directors and Officers policy had not yet been received. Mr. Kirk Frith motioned the board to allow payment of the two renewal policies that have been received and to allow Mr. Ben Rivera to sign the renewal paperwork. Mr. Francis Plaisance seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ruben Rivera informed the board of the need to designate a representative from our organization as a contact for the State Ethics Board. Mr. Rivera proposed that Ms. Shari Cormier be appointed as the Ethics Agent. Mr. Kevin Sagrera motioned the board to accept Mr. Rivera's proposal. Mr. Kirk Frith seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux informed the board of the opinion from our auditor regarding the legality of the organization purchasing a membership to LIDEA for Ms. Falgout. He was told that it is allowable because it promotes our organization. After further discussion Mr. Kevin Sagrera motioned the board to allow payment of the \$250.00 membership fee. Ms. Pat Rost seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Ms. Anne T. Falgout updated the board on the upcoming job fair, as well as the Employer Breakfast and Job Seeker Workshop. She also spoke of sponsorship opportunities. Mr. Kevin Sagrera motioned the board to allow up to \$500.00 to sponsor the Employer Breakfast, to be held on February 24, 2016. This motion was seconded by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux and unanimously carried.

Ms. Anne T. Falgout updated the board on their prospect, Krispy. The project has been determined by the regional representatives to be 60% complete and 50% probable.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Falgout informed the board about an upcoming Industrial Asset Management Council Conference, but recommended that she not participate because of the time commitments of the job fair and other projects.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout informed the board of the difficulty she is having scheduling committee meetings.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Anne T. Falgout updated the board on the accomplishments made by the VEDD office in the month of January.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District will be held on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Judge's Library/Conference Room.

ADJOURN

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

Ms. Pat Rost
Secretary