

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 4, 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. Kirk Frith, Mr. Carlton Campbell, Mr. Francis Plaisance, Mr. Darin Desormeaux, Mr. Jacob Landry and Ms. Sarah Trahan

The following members were absent:

Mr. Paul Bourgeois, Ms. Cynthia Dudley, Mr. Kevin Sagrera, and Ms. Gale Smith

The following guests were present:

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

MINUTES

VEDD did not meet in the month of March, due to the lack of a quorum.

The minutes of the February 1, 2016 meeting were approved by a motion made by Mr. Darin Desormeaux, duly seconded by Mr. Kirk Frith and unanimously carried by the board.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Upon motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Darin Desormeaux and unanimously carried, the board accepted the Vermilion Parish Police Jury's appointment of Mr. Jason Picard as their commissioner on the VEDD board. Mr. Picard replaces Mr. Allen LeMaire and will serve a four year term, ending April 4, 2020.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux gave the Treasurer's Report. He reviewed invoices and expenses that were paid in March, totaling \$1,875.50. He also reviewed the April invoices and expenses, totaling \$610.38 and the Directors and Officers insurance policy renewal in the amount of \$1,012.00. Upon motion by Mr. Kirk Frith, duly seconded by Ms. Pat Rost and unanimously carried, these invoices were approved for payment.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout updated the board on the job fair. She informed the board that there were 40 companies present, 6 resource providers and 623 job seekers who attended the job fair at Abbeville High School on March 30, 2016.

Ms. Falgout also updated the board on the Site Selectors Guild Conference she attended in Nashville, TN in February.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Falgout informed the board about the upcoming Statewide Economic Development Summit to be held in Baton Rouge on April 18, 2016. She added that registration and travel for the event would cost \$161.37. Mr. Kirk Frith motioned the board to allow Ms. Falgout to attend the summit. Mr. Darin Desormeaux seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried by the board.

Mr. Ben Rivera addressed the board about the lack of a quorum for the month of March and what would be needed to resolve the attendance issues. After a general discussion Mr. Dane Hebert motioned the board to develop a written policy which would include board members not missing more than one meeting per quarter and/or two consecutive meetings. A letter would be send to the board members appointing authority after such absences. He included that the attendance should be calculated on a calendar year scale. This motion was seconded by Mr. Kirk Frith and unanimously carried. A written policy will be reviewed at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout informed the board that the Existing Business Committee held their first meeting, but the minutes have not yet been completed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Darin Desormeaux motioned the board to strike the word "tentatively" from the agenda going forward. This motion was seconded by Mr. Kirk Frith and unanimously carried.

The next meeting of the District will be held on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Judge's Library/Conference Room.

ADJOURN

Upon motion by Mr. Darin Desormeaux, duly seconded by Mr. Kirk Frith and unanimously carried, there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.